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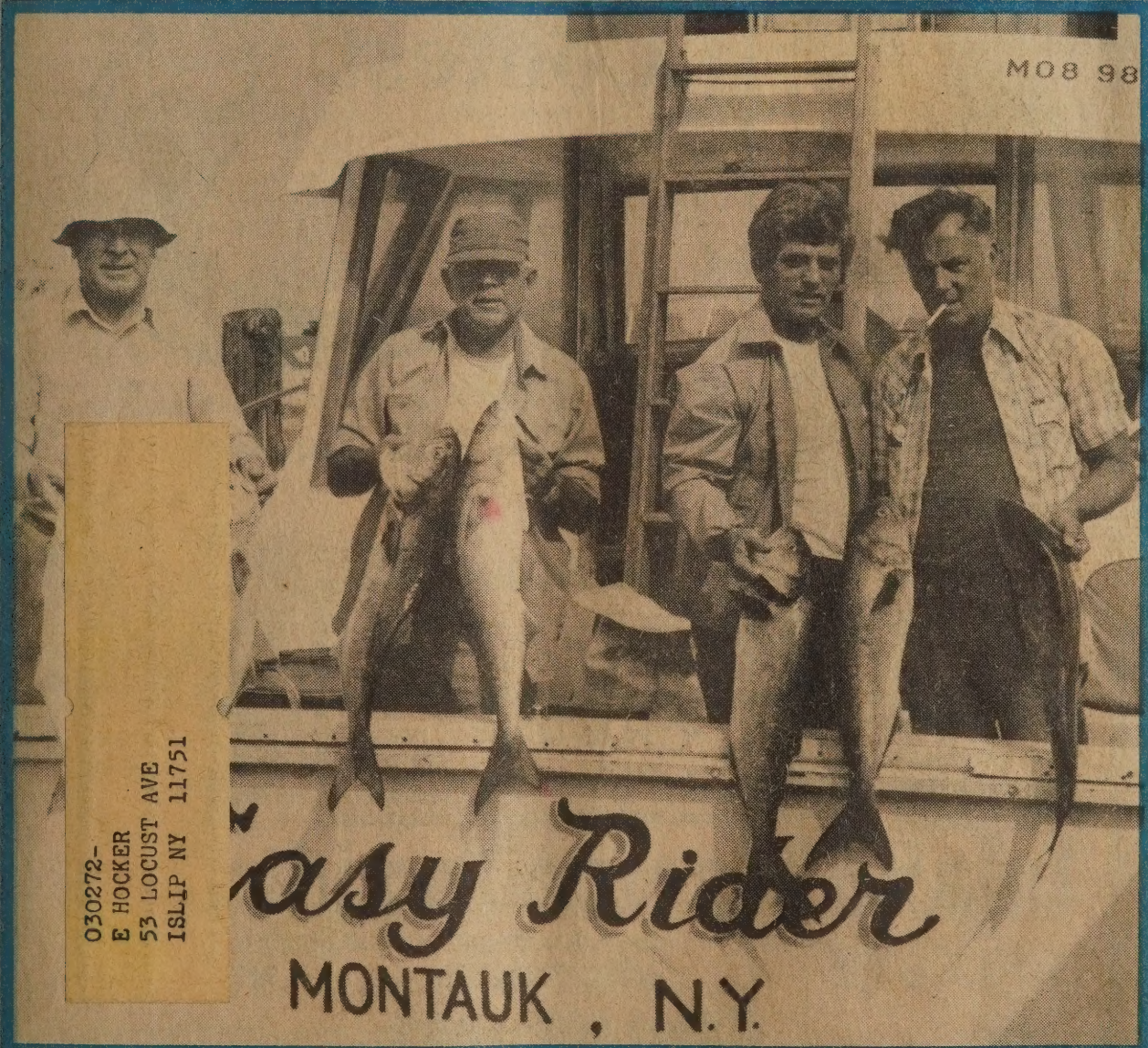

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#1—Carl Ianno, 312 lbs., boat "Sea Bee"
#2—Paul Bardenhagen, 310 lbs., Mako Marina
#3—Ed Fitzpatrick, 290 lbs., boat " boat "Dimila"

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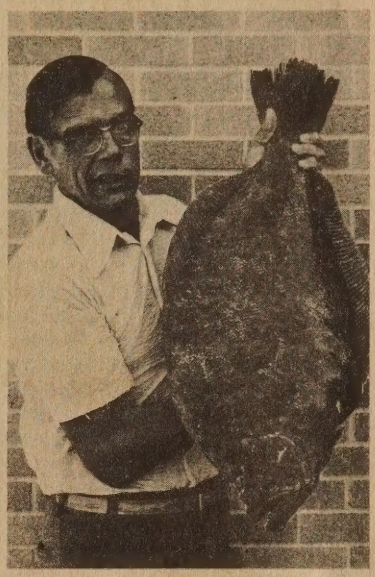

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News Releases

PANFISHING IS IMPORTANT TO GOOD FISH MANAGEMENT

A news release from the D.E.C. stated that ecologists are trying to shake the American tradition of "Bigger is Better" which is so ingrained in our thinking, whether it is buying a car, or catching a fish. Fishing contests by manufacturers to help peddle their goods, by sportsmen's clubs ostensibly to encourage interest in fishing, by municipal or civic organizations to arouse interest in the community or to give the local kids something to do, all tend to glorify big fish. The exception is the prize for most fish—and that is usually looked down upon as teaching poor conservation.

At the risk of sounding like a lunatic, probably more often than not, the contest offering a prize for the most fish does more good for fish conservation than any of the other contests. I am referring here, of course, to contests aimed at panfish populations, rather than those aimed at gamefish.

Too many fishermen are interested only in catching gamefish, and the bigger the better. This can cause management problems in warmwater ponds, for it is vital that the predator prey relationship remain in proper balance to bet the best fish population. this production includes producing enough big game fish to satisfy fishermen who want lunkers.

In warmwater situations, large bass and pike are the best control available for prolific rough and panfish. These large predators are capable of devouring the large breeders that produce the little troublemakers. Only when they are present in sufficient numbers can they keep yellow perch, sunfish and rough fish in the proper balance.

Under these conditions a fisherman can be his own worst enemy by neglecting panfish and concentrating on game fish.

LONG ISLANDER LANDS 475 lb. BLUE MARLIN ON 20 Ft. BOAT

Walker's Cay, Bahamas—Robert Clancy of Dix Hills was fishing from a 20 foot Mako out of Walker's Cay on Sunday, July 11th when he hooked into a giant blue marlin and boated it after 1½ hours fight. It weighed 476 pounds, measured 11'4" and was only two pounds short of the largest blue landed at Walker's Cay this year.

The big fish jumped four times, and each time it broke the surface, Bo thought the 50 pound test line he wa using would break. However, under th skillful handling of local Captain Geral Rolle, the boat was kept close to th action, and the full power of the fish wa never brought to bear on the line.

An hour and 35 minutes of hard wor by Bob brought the leader wire to the ro tip. The skipper then left the control long enough to grab the bill and then ge a small hand gaff into the monster' shoulders.

The marlin then appeared larger tha ever and it was quite a struggle to boa the fish. Fortunately, the weather wa fine and the sea calm as the heavil laden Mako headed for home. It was Mr Clancy's first bill fish, and one t remember.

NEW SMALL CRAFT WARNING SITE

On Saturday July 24th, commencing a 9 A.M. at Fire Island Station, Captre L.I. official ceremonies were held t establish small craft warning sites in th Great South Bay. The locations are a follows:

Atlantic Beach—Town of Islip, Fir Island, Barrett Beach, Town of Islip, Fir Island, Bay Shore Town Marina—Ba Shore, East Islip Town Marina—E. Islip Haman's Creek Town Marina—Bayport Port O'Call Town Marina—Sayville Smith Point County Park—Shirley; Tim ber Point County Park—Great River, an West Islip Town Marina—West Islip.

Flotilla Commander 1-2 Commande Dick Irman of 67 Lumur Drive in Sayvill announces that small craft visual dis plays will be hoisted to aid and assist th boating community from May throug September.

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CLUB NEWS

REPRINT OF LETTER FROM BABYLON TUNA CLUB TO U.S. Corps of Engineers

Re: Request for additional fish trap areas in Great South Bay for the purpose of gill netting.

Dear Mr. D' Agosta,

At a regular meeting of the Babylon Tuna Club held July 9th 1976 it was unanimously resolved that the club opposes any enlargment of the Great South Bay fish trap areas for gill netting.

The Babylon Tuna Club is composed of about 300 sport fishermen who not only oppose enlarging the gill net area but also oppose any gill netting at all in the waters of Great South Bay. Any more gill netting, we feel, would seriously deplete the various species of fish which inhabit the bay and we are trapped as they spawn. Our aim is to protect the fish for both sport and commercial fishermen. **Fred Guardineer, Corresponding Sec'y.**

HUNTINGTON ANGLER'S VS. MILL RIVER ROD AND GUN

Last weekend, the Huntington Angler's went against the Mill River Rod and Gun Club in a contest which was won by the Huntington Angler's. Jr. member Bill Collins Jr. took a 50 lb. 2 oz. bass in Plum Gut on a live eel at night. 2nd prize to John Zwolinski of Mill River Rod and Gun for a 25 lb. 2 oz. bass caught in Glen Cove on live bunker. Only two were weighed in.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

SKYLINE YACHT CLUB BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

On July 1st the Skyline Yacht Club, located in Mayer's Marina, College Point, have started their annual Long Island Sound Bluefish Tournament. The contest will be between Skyline Yacht Club, College Point Yacht Club, Arrow Yacht Club and the Point Yacht Club.

The chairman of the tournament is Ronald Kirk of the Skyline Yacht Club. He reports that each club will put up one Barrel of Beer; the winning club, with the biggest bluefish will get the 3 barrels of beer. A trophy will be held by the winning club until next years tournament. A party will be held by all 4 clubs in the winning clubhouse.

The contest will end on October 1st, 1976. As commodore of the Skyline Yacht Club I would like to wish all of the clubs good Fishing and Happy Boating for our Bicentennial Summer Season.

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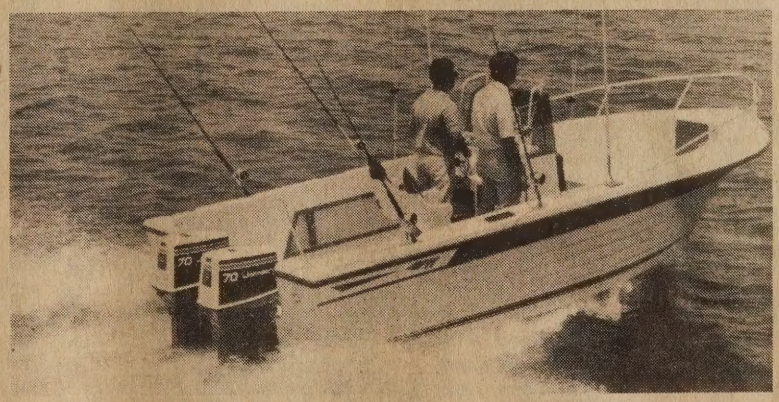

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REFLECTIONS: with Mark Sosin

Explosive Lightweight

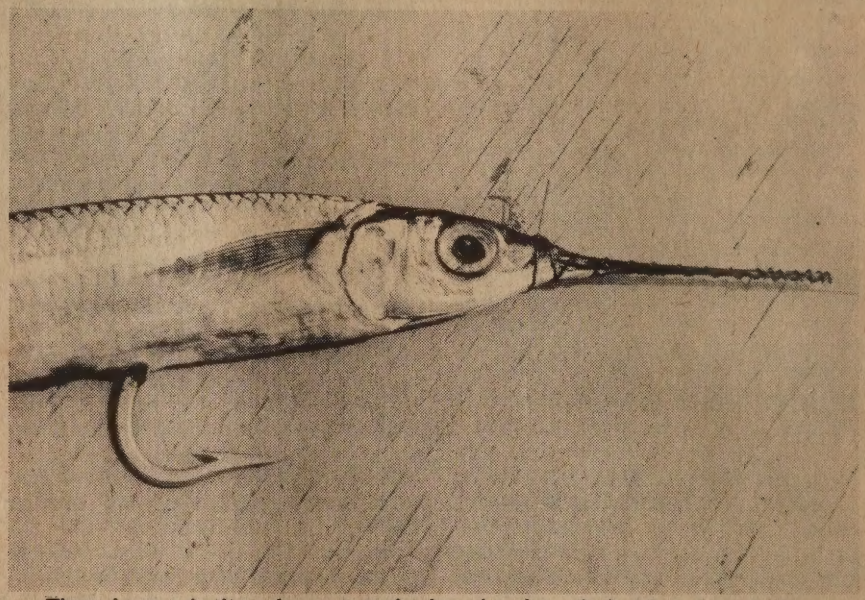
There's no greater sight in sportfishing than the sudden and almost magical appearance of a billfish behind an undulating skipbait dragged on the fringes of the wake. An instant before, your eyeballs hurt from watching those baits and it was difficult to stay awake and alert as the monotonous drone of the engines lulled you into lethargy. Then, without warning, you detected something that resembled a black stick puncturing the surface of the water and, before you could completely grasp the scene, the rounded dorsal and head of a white marlin was clearly in view.

The cry of "battle stations" is barely audible and lost in the excitement of the moment. Everyone dives for a rod, yanks it out of the holder, and stands ready to bait a fish that may be as aggressive as a starving bluefish in a chum slick or as finicky as a totally sated striper that has filled its belly and the excess is still in its mouth. That's part of the magic of fishing for white marlin and you would be hard pressed to find an angler who can honestly say that he has tired of catching them or no longer thrills to the antics of a free swimmer inspecting an array of skipbaits.

One of the world's best grounds for white marlin extends from the tip of Montauk to Virginia and the prime months are July, August and early September. There is another concentration of these fish off the coast of Venezuela in late August, September and into October, but researchers report that they are another body of fish and not the same ones we have off our coast.

With faster boats and the variety of species available in the offshore canyons, there is a tendency to overrun a lot of marlin and concentrate on the angling efforts well offshore. There are still plenty of whites closer to the beach than the canyons, but it takes concerted effort from many boats to pinpoint the fishery. Otherwise, you are on your own, which may not be too bad in the long run.

To find white marlin, you should be aware of offshore structure. They are seldom present in water under 70 degrees. Some veterans point to 68 degrees as the breaking point, but this is marginal. You must also locate blue water. The green colored inshore water neither attracts nor holds marlin. You can catch the fish well inshore, but it will be in a finger of warm, blue water that extends in from the deep. If you don't find water of the right color and temperature, you are wasting your time. There are always exceptions in nature, but if you want to catch marlin consistently, go with the odds.



There is no substitute for a properly rigged and neatly fashioned skipbait when you are trying to entice a white marlin. These eagle-eyed fish will pass up anything less than the perfect offering.

All of us have seen white marlin clobber a rigged bait that just came out of the mouth of some other fish and was badly mutilated. It doesn't happen very often. The white marlin is a selective diner and often exhibits the tendency to check every bait in the spread a couple of times before rejecting a lot of settling in on one. For that reason, the baits you use should be fresh, properly rigged, and changed frequently if they show signs of deterioration.

The size bait you select is also important. Keep in mind that the average marlin will weigh between 40 and 60 pounds. A 100 pounder is a rarity in these waters and makes news. They are relatively small fish and can handle a smaller bait with ease. The rule of thumb is to present a bait that can be swallowed easily, yet is large enough to attract the fish. On rough days, you need a larger bait, because the skipping efforts are lost in the white water of the seas. On a calm day, you can go smaller and the bait will be seen easily.

Marlin will strike a variety of natural baits that include balao, mullet, squid, flying fish, strip baits and even the same eel you use for striped bass. Eels, by the way, bring mixed reactions from anglers. Everyone agrees they raise a lot of fish, but some argue that you can't hook a marlin on an eel and others will tell you that you can't miss. Try it and find out for yourself.

Veterans will usually try a variety of baits at the same time until they can determine a preference by the fish. In a normal trolling set-up, four rigs are trolled: two from outriggers and two flat lines. The 'rigger lines are fished from 75 to 125 feet behind the boat and the flat lines are worked from 40 to 60 feet. Experience will also show that hookless teasers dragged in the wake can be particularly effective in raising marlin. Some of us believe that at least half the fish that come up zero in on the teaser first. The trick is to vary lines and distances until you raise fish.

There are a variety of teasers on the market, althougn they can look similar or even identical, they don't always perform that way. When you find one that raises fish, treasure it among your prized possessions and guard it diligently. They are not easy to come by.

Until you garner your own experience, set a trolling speed that is the slowest at which the skipbaits will work properly. Then, work the throttles from there and increase them slightly or drop them back to the minimum setting during the course of the day. At the same time, don't pick a heading that focuses on a distant cloud and maintain it forever. You should be alert to currents, direction of wind and waves, the edge of the blue and green water, weed lines, temperature variations, bottom configurations, depth, and dozens of other factors. The price of a marlin is eternal vigilance. Start looking for a pattern and keep searching until you find it.

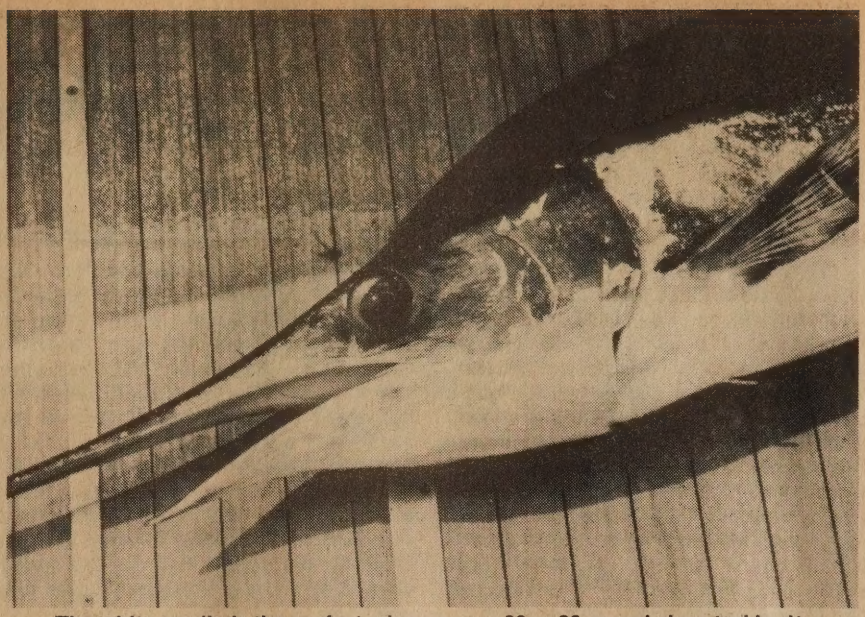
Sometimes you will catch fish by moving across the current. In other places, the action may come when you move with or against the flow of water. Depth can also be critical. For some unknown reason, if you hear on the radio that white marlin are being taken in Virginia at the 33 fathom curve, you will probably raise fish off New Jersey at 33 fathoms. Even though the marlin is swimming close to the surface, it will be in the same depth water as its relatives up or down the coast.

Twenty or 30 pound class tackle is perfect for the white marlin. If you overrun with 50 or 80, you sacrifice performance or the fish and really miss the sport. The lighter the tackle, the better they will perform, but, if you intend to release the fish, you should land it in a reasonable time and far short of its exhaustion or it may not survive.

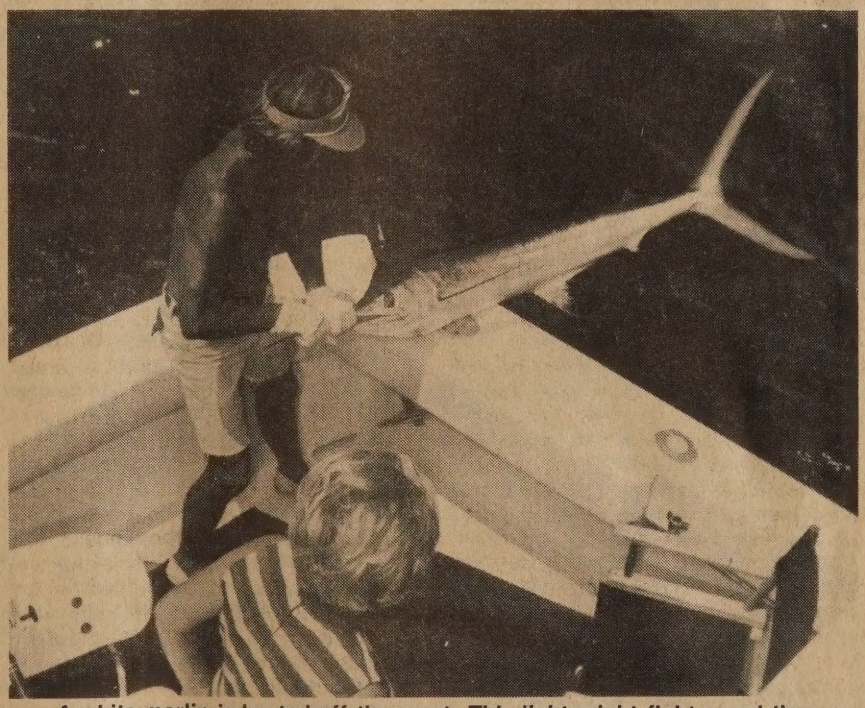
Each fish is an individual and must be treated as such. At times you will have to dropback for a considerable length of time until the fish has ingested the bait. There are other situations where you can strike almost immediately. Anglers also differ on the theory of striking, with some perferring the instant setting of the hook and others favoring the time-honored dropback.

If you are going to dropback (and I would recommend this approach at least until you have some practice), put the reel in freespool, hold your thumb on it, and either wait for the fish to rap the bait with its bill or open its mouth. Then, drop the rod tip and feed the bait back, using your thumb to keep the spool from overrunning, but not to apply any unnatural pressure. When you are ready to strike, engage the reel, point the rod at the fish, wait for the line to come tight, and set. If you miss the fish, raise the rod as high as you can and crank the reel as fast as possible. This will bring the bait right back to the surface and the fish will often follow. If it falls in behind the bait, you are back at the starting gate and ready to start the procedure over again. Should the fish disappear, change baits and re-set the cockpit.

White marlin are certainly within range of many of the center-console fishing boats and catching them is more a matter of determination than anything else. If you go about it systematically, you will begin to learn their habits and where to find them. Every move you make at the helm or controls should be remembered. One final tip: no one can explain why, but very often when you first reach the marlin grounds you'll have a fish up within the first five minutes. It might be the change in engine speed or a hundred other factors, but it happens. Be ready. As soon as the throttles are cut, get a teaser over the side and a flat line behind it. Then, set the rest of the cockpit. Good hunting!



The white marlin is the perfect adversary on 20 or 30 pound class tackle. It can be a finicky feeder or savage striker depending on its mood and puts up a tough fight that includes several spectacular jumps.



A white marlin is boated off the coast. This lightweight fighter and the smallest of the marlins averages 40 to 60 pounds, but reaches 100 pounds or more.

Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

ALL ABOUT TUNA (Almost All)

I have in front of me a letter from one H.C. Charles of Smithtown, New York, who writes me as follows: "As a subscriber of the Long Island Fisherman I note that the tuna fishing season is beginning. In fact, I plan to go for tuna in early August. From what I understand, special care must be taken in the preservation and preparation of tuna. Cook books have been of no help at all. Any information that you can provide regarding the care and preparation of tuna, either by letter or in an early upcoming issue of The Fisherman, will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Thank you, H.C. Charles for your question. And, before answering it, I want the readers of this column to know that I would greatly appreciate hearing and receiving any questions YOU may have and also if you have some recipes for favorite fish dishes of your own, why not share them with others? You will receive full credit for them from me and it will give you a great deal of satisfaction to know that others will appreciate what you have contributed. Send in your recipes or questions addressed to the Casting Gourmet, in care of the Long Island Fisherman.

The question regarding tuna is somewhat incomplete. Is H.C. talking about blue fin or yellow fin (Allison) tuna? Is he talking about the giant blue fins that are being caught out of Gloucester Mass., or about the smaller fish up to 100 pounds which (luckily) may be trolled off Long Island?

I had the good fortune recently to be fishing with a friend of mine, Eddie Bain, in his cruiser the Jo-Lynn in about 240 feet of water (approx. 45 miles offshore) out of Shinnecock Inlet. We'd been fishing the shark tournament on the weekend of July 17th and 18th. Along about 2 P.M. on the 18th, we decided that the only results of the day (a 40 pound dusky) were good reason to give up on the sharks and do some trolling for Allison tuna. Six lines were trolled using all kinds of lures. Because I happened to be the nearest one to the rods when a fish hit a trolled mullet, I grabbed the stick and brought in a 40 pound Allison tuna. Later at the dock, Jimmy Braun filleted the fish. I took one side and the other side was divided between two others. Right at the dock I ate a slice of the raw fish and it was just delicious!

When I got home I cut out all of the dark meat (very little on an Allison tuna), removed the skin, placed the fine pink meat in a stone crock in which I had poured some water and added Kosher salt. The next morning my wife boiled some of the meat (now, almost white in color) and used it in a salad which tasted better than if the fish came out of a can.

I had also cut some of the meat into one inch steaks. Later during the week she broiled them for not more than 10 minutes (5 on each side). Butter, salt and pepper and lemon juice, of course, served to flavor the fish and it was very good indeed.

You can do the same with a small blue fin tuna (under 100 pounds). Of course you'll find more dark meat but if you cut it away, the remaining meat can be used the same way as with an Allison.

If H.C. will be fishing out of Gloucester Mass., this summer and gets a really big one, he may have to release it to conform with the new rulings which limit the take of giants to a total of 1860 fish. To the best of my knowledge and belief, very few people in the U.S. eat the meat of a giant blue fin. The Japanese however, go for it in a big way. The meat in Tokyo costs more than $15. a lb. There, the raw meat is cut into thin slices, marinated in a special sauce with which I am not familiar, and eaten raw. I'm also told that they prefer the fatty meat of the belly of one of these giants more than any other portion. They roll this fat into a ball and will pay any price for it.

(If any of my readers are familiar with the ways the Japanese prepare any of their tuna parts, please contact me. The information will be of much interest, not only to H.C. but to all tuna fishermen. Several years ago when fishing in Conception Bay in Newfoundland for the giant blue fins, one considered himself lucky if a lobsterman paid him $5. for the whole fish which he would use for lobster traps. Otherwise, the carcass would be towed to sea and left to feed the crabs.)

Tuna is rich in amino acids, the building blocks of body protein. Six or seven ounces of tuna provides for the United States recommended allowance of protein, niacin an vitamin B12. It is also a good source of phosphorus. Following are a couple of recipes for tuna which are rather different but very usable for the inner man.

Tuna Special

13 to 14 ounces of tuna meat (boiled 10 minutes, equal to 2 cans of tuna]
2 hard boiled eggs
¾ cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped sweet pickle chips
½ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup chopped onion

Combine all ingredients; mix well. Garnish with lettuce and tomato, if desired. Makes four generous salads or enough filling for eight tasty sandwiches.

Broiled Tuna Burgers

7 ounces tuna meat (boiled 10 min.) (or 1 can tuna)
⅓ cup bread crumbs
⅓ cup chopped celery
¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese
3 tablespoons minced onion
2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
½ teaspoon lemon juice
1 egg, beaten
4 hamburger buns, split
Lettuce
Tomato slices

Combine tuna, crumbs, celery, cheese, onion and pickle relish. Blend mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice and egg; stir into tuna mixture. Press into four patties. Broil 3 to 5 minutes on each side, 5 inches from heat. Serve on buns with lettuce and tomato.

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Surf Side with Vito Orlando

Brooklyn's Summer Bass

As the dog days of July and August become more of a reality, the fast fishing that the surfman experienced in June, will slowly fade into memory. The striped bass, who just a few weeks ago appeared in numbers along our shoreline, will move to deeper waters, seeking protection from the torrid summer sun. This well established fact of striped bass fishing is commonly known as the summer doldrums.

During this time of year, the inexperienced angler will either seek another quarry, or hang up his waders, waiting for that first September northeaster. However, the more knowledgeable fishermen, the bass nuts, refuses to pay homage to these summer blues. His attention is thereby turned to the many back bays and estuaries that are prevalent along the coastline of Long Island.

One such location that I have fished with very good results during these hot summer months is the Plum Beach Area of Brooklyn. It is here, and in its adjacent waters, that there is no such thing as the hot weather doldrums. Bass in the twenty pound class have been taken in this area, and at a time of the year when fish that size are rather infrequent, to any beach front.

Since it is taken for granted that many of you have already familiarized yourselves with Plum Beach, there is good reason to believe that these surroundings are not new to you. The specific location under discussion in this article was purposely omitted from the other articles (issues 14, 15), as the fishing techniques are somewhat different and the area does not begin to produce with any regularity until the summer months.

SPECIFIC LOCATION: As you walk along the beach toward the broken pilings and grassy island, look past these two locations and toward the channel, which runs under the Mill Basin Bridge. Upon reaching the end of the easterly direction (straight). The two sand bars will lie to your distant right, just as the pilings are now located behind you, and Grassy Island is to your right front (approx. one o'clock). While still facing east, wade a short distance past this island. You should now be in position to start fishing, as the sod banks will be on your left.

HOW AND WHEN TO FISH THE AREA: The best tide for this location is the second through the fourth hours of the incoming. This is a basic rule of thumb when fishing most estuaries or back bays. Before this tidal stage, there is insufficient water on the flats to permit the fish to swim in. As the tide rises and the water fills the estuary, the back bay will soon become flooded. The increased water height gives the bass more room to swim and forage for food. No longer will the fish be confined to one feeding location, as they will have the entire back bay in which to do their hunting. For this reason, the fishing will slow down after

A couple of young anglers try poppers at dawn in the marshy back-bay. Photo by Dr. W.A. Muller.

Typical stringer of Brooklyn school bass during "slow summer" months. Photo by Dr. W.A. Muller.

the fourth hour of the incoming tide.

Arriving at the precise moment is very important. At this time you will notice a narrow channel or cut running parallel to the sod banks. It is through this passage that the bait and bass will first swim, coming in with the rising waters. At the eastern most tip of this cut, is where the action begins. As you start fishing, make your casts along the sod banks. It is near these ridges that the first few bass will be caught. One word of caution before starting to cast. These banks are lined with a great amount of marsh grass. If your plug should happen to get stuck in this vegetation, you will have a difficult time getting it free. To avoid this, make your casts with a side arm motion rather than overhand. In this way your plug will take a different trajectory as it begins its descent, thus keeping it in the ball park. You can also keep your finger near the spool having it ready to stop the line short, should you overcast.

As the tide rises, your casting pattern must be altered somewhat. You now should begin to spray the area, casting to all sides. By doing so, the area will receive the proper coverage which is a must if you are to consistently score in the back bay.

The increasing height of the water will eventually force you to retreat back past Grassy Island and toward the beach. When this happens, move back slowly about thirty feet at a time. The closer to the beach you get, the shallower the water becomes. After each movement stand and fish, constantly spraying the area with your casts. Make several casts to both sides of the island, which by now is becoming submerged. The fish often congregate around this patch of weed, hoping for a morsel to be washed off its banks.

By the time this island is completely covered, the fishing will fall off. This is not to say that the fish are gone, but rather that they are now spread out throughout the entire area. The tide will now be in its fifth hour (the exception being during the full moon), and you will now be forced to fish from the beach. At this time make a few casts into the horseshoe, that lies to your left. There is deep water in this bend and large bass have been known to frequent it, especially at this tidal stage.

Before going any further, one word about safety. The sand bar which will be completely covered by the fourth hour of the incoming tide, will be impossible to wade to. Don't, I repeat, Don't make an attempt at this for you'll never make it. I know a fisherman who tried it one time while wearing a wet suit, and he almost killed himself before quitting in disgust. Another thing that should not be tried, is to walk around the horseshoe and along the sod banks. This is very dangerous, even for the angler who knows the area. There are many hidden drops and crevices burried beneath the tall marsh grass, and you can easily loose your footing.

Your best fishing will occur at night. At this time there is an air of peace and quiet about the place. There is little or no boat traffic, and this adds to the calmness. Keep in mind that these fish are easily spooked because the water is somewhat shallow. Dusk will produce, especially when the tide runs into the dark. During the early morning hours, more of the larger bass will be caught. However, as the sun rises and the boat traffic begins, these fish will leave the area. If the morning tide is early enough, and reaches its peak just as the sun becomes too hot, it can be very productive.

Use one ounce poppers at dusk or at day break, and five inch Rebels or Red Fins in the dark. As with any swimming plug at night, they should be worked very slowly.

Use a line that will be strong enough to enable you to pull free from the marsh grass, should this be necessary. I prefer ten pound Ande when fishing here, and have found that it serves my purposes rather well. Aside from allowing me to pull free from the grass, it enables me to control a larger bass, should she decide to swim around the island, which is often the case.

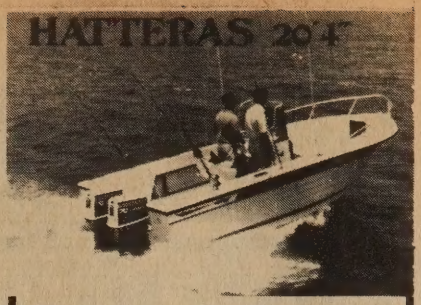
The back bay will produce very well on any windless night. This is especially true of the larger bass, who seem to prefer the calmness that is associated with these times. However, the smaller bass will be taken regardless of the wind direction, as long as it is not blowing too strongly.

The moon has a direct bearing on these waters. During the full moon period, the tide will wash over the sod banks, and flood the entire beach. Keep this in mind when fishing this phase, and make allowances for it. The new moon will usually cause some phosphorous to light up in the water. However, this will not be the problem that it is in other areas of Long Island. There is a gentle reflection from the parkway lights that lessens this glow. The other moon phases will not hamper the fishing.

If you are planning to fish this area, I would suggest that you make an investigatory trip at low water, in the day light. In this way you can return in the dark with a little more confidence.

Fishing in a back bay like this during the summer months, gives the fisherman a very enjoyable and relaxing way to catch a few bass. Doc Muller once told me that an estuary such as this, is capable of producing 250 pounds of food, per acre, per day. This makes the food production of an acre of corn seem like nothing. No wonder that this Brooklyn hot spot has never heard of the summer doldrums.

Good luck and good fishing.



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Sinker Bouncing

How To Fillet A Fluke

with Matt Ahern

I've never ceased to be amazed at the amount of fishermen I meet who believe fluke filleting to be difficult. True, most of these fishermen are new at the game, but some, surprisingly, have been fishing quite a while. Most of them, looking at the nice sized fluke they've been catching all summer long, toy happily with the idea of learning the art of filleting, then quickly shrug their shoulders and forget about it until the next time.

It seems to me the reason for ths timidity occurs when the thought of possible butchery rears its ugly head. These fishermen feel that this will be their only reward for meddling into the realm of the commercial fisherman and the advanced angler. This isn't true, of course. What one fisherman can do, so, too, can another.

As I wrote an article on flounder filleting (March 18th, 1976, Vol. 9) filleting is easy. Poor results can only be guaranteed in two ways: when the fisherman attempts to make the job complicated and when the fisherman attempts to make speed before he has mastered the art. Avoid these pitfalls and you will have no trouble turning the next batch of fluke you catch into choice, mouth-watering fillets. This, I guarantee.

The photos accompanying this article show my method of fluke filleting, which differs from flounder filleting only in that it provides four pieces of fillet instead of two. The reason for the four-piece method is clear enough: the average fluke is always larger than the average flounder. Were you to attempt the four-piece method on the average sized flounder, most times your fillets would really be too small for all practical purposes. And vice-versa.

The most important single aid you will need is a good fillet knife, and be sure it is sharp by occasionally honing it on a good carborundum stone. Don't use a kitchen knife or something similar as a substitute. You'll soon be knashing your teeth in frustration. I've seen these poor substitutes used on occasion, but only by experienced fishermen when a fillet knife was not available. If you wish to do a professional job, use professional tools.

It's a good idea to wash your fish before starting. This will remove any dirt and sand which dulls the keen edge of the knife in short order. Even with this precaution, you will find that the blade becomes dull with use, because no matter how skillfully you handle the knife, it is sure to nick bone occasionally. It can't be helped and is the accepted thing. Be sure to use the sharpening stone after every two or three fish and you'll find the job sailing along with the neat, deft strokes that make the job a pleasure.

Use a cutting board for best results. The one on the photo is 14 x 8 x 2 and works fine for most flounder and will handle fluke to four pounds with ease. Don't bother to scale your fish. Fillets should be skinned for better taste and a more appetizing appearance; by leaving the scales on you'll find they act as a barrier to keep the sharp blade from cutting through the skin. You will also avoid a time-consuming chore. Follow the text closely, use the photos as guides and you will turn out professional looking fillets. Keep in mind that in the beginning, slow and easy assures you of a good job.

Photo one. Place fluke on a board as shown. Make a diagonal cut from the upper right shoulder to the center of the fish, stopping just below the small, tapering pectoral fin near the gill cover. Then start a cut along the center of the fish to the tail as in photo. Use just enough pressure to "ride" along the backbone. Too heavy pressure here will quickly dull your knife. You will find the natural line or slight indentation a helpful guide. Make a slice across the tail as an aid later in removing the fillets. Again start at the shoulder, make a cut about a half-inch in from the outside fins, along the length of the fish. Follow the contour as you do this. These cuts have already been made in the photo.

Photo two shows the simple slice needed to divide the fillets into two pices. This is made just aft of the gut cavity. Avoid cutting into the cavity by feeling the softness with your fingers. Some fishermen make this cut closer to the head, thereby utilizing the meat covering the gut, but I find any meat gained is apt to have a strong flavor.

Photo three. Now you begin the actual filleting. Start at the shoulder where the two cuts converge and begin slicing the fillet from the skeleton. Be sure your knife is held at a low angle to avoid cutting under the bone. The blade should always glide effortlessly with neat, smooth strokes. Loosen the fillet as you cut and hold it away as shown so that you may watch and guide the blade. When you reach the center of the fish, the fillet will lift off without difficulty.

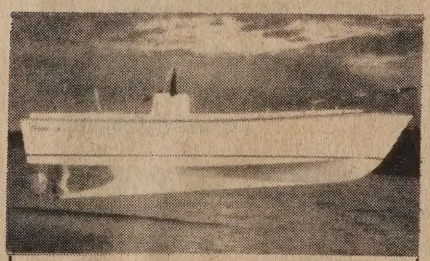
Photo four. Do the same with the smaller fillet and cut free from the fin line. You now have two pieces of boneless fillet.

Photo five. Turn fish over and make the same cuts as on the top side, eliminating the long contour cut at the fin line.

Photo six. Start at the tail, insert the knife blade flat along the fin line and begin slicing toward the head and remove the fillet.

Photo seven. This is the last step. When this short fillet is loosened to the fin line, lay the knife over the backbone and slice to the tail with one continuous motion.

Photo eight shows the actual skinning in progress, which is a fast, simple operation. To start, make a shallow cut to the skin at the tail end about a half inch in. This is enough to give you the



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You can eliminate the long contour cut on this side.

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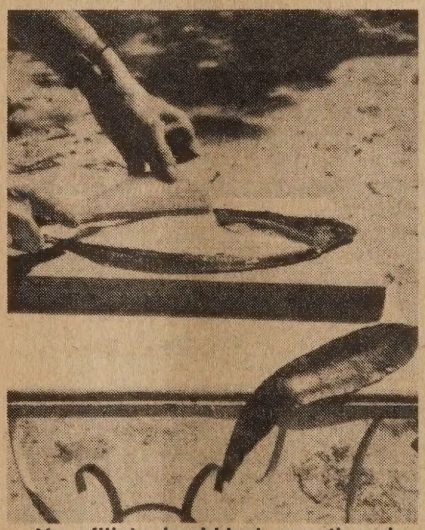
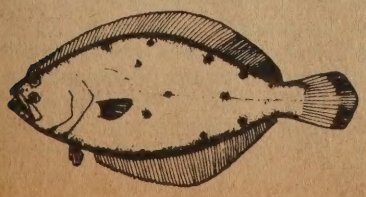


Your fillets should look smooth and clean.

Remove fillet with one easy slice to tail.

necessary grip. Then hold the knife at an angle so that the knife is nearly flat with the skin and pull against the blade with short, sideway motions. The skin will peel off as if by magic. Bits of meat and or scales adhering to the edge will cause the meat to tear and is the reason fishermen find skinning difficult. Avoid by keeping the blade clean. It is also advisable to keep the cutting edge wet at all times.

That's all there is to filleting a fluke. Start with your next catch. The art of filleting should be in a every well-rounded fisherman's bag of tricks. Make sure it's in yours.



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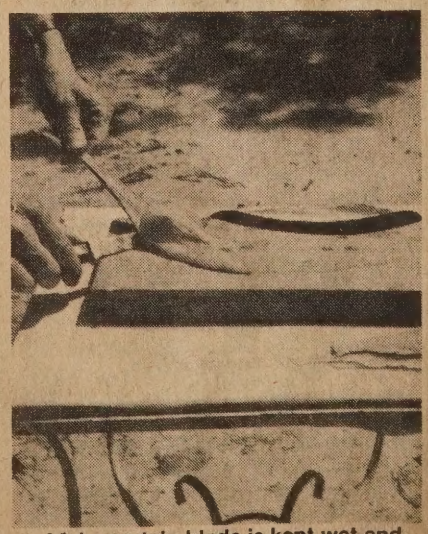


Make certain blade is kept wet and clean for easy skinning.

BASIC SHARKING

Part IV

by Al Ristori

Now that we've briefly covered the basics of fishing for sharks, let's consider the lifestyles of the denizens we're pursuing. Due to our location in a temperate zone, the variety of sharks found in local waters isn't great. Indeed, the only sharks you're really likely to encounter are the blue, mako, dusky, brown and hammerhead.

By far the most abundant shark in our offshore waters is the blue. There are at least 250 species of sharks in the worlds waters and many of them are very similar in appearance. However, I don't know of any other shark that can be mistaken for the blue. It's most prominent characteristics are the long pointed snout and very long sickle-shaped pectoral fins. When blues are hung from gin poles, you can identify them immediately by the floppy pectorals. As the name implies, the color of the upper body is blue—which shades to white on the belly. The blue is perhaps the most numerous of all large oceanic sharks and is distributed worldwide in tropical and temperate seas.

Like other oceanic wanderers, the blue isn't normally fussy about what he eats. They're curious and fearless shark that will regularly come right to boatside. Frequently they'll rub their backs on the bottom of the boat; butt the shaft of your outboard with their noses; and try to eat the cork you're floating your lines with. Unfortunately, the blue isn't a very good fighter. This is especially true in June and July, when large numbers of mostly small fish (30-100 pounds) migrate through the waters of the New York—New Jersey area. Not only are these fish overpowered by the tackle used for them, but they seem to be rather lethargic in any case. Even the larger specimens come quickly to boatside. On the other hand, the big blue sharks found in our offshore waters during the late summer and fall can really give you a workout. Quite possibly, it's the docile nature of the blue that makes him a relatively poor fighter. Not being afraid of the boat, he will often allow himself to be powered alongside. At that point he may suddenly make dive after dive for the bottom, though he appears beaten. A couple of years ago, I caught one blue shark three times (identified by tag I placed on the first occasion) within two hours. When first released he appeared to be in bad shape—yet each time he fought harder!

The glamour member of the shark clan in our waters is, without a doubt, the mako. It's a very close relative of the white, which provided the inspiration for "Jaws". Though stouter than the blue, the mako is also distinguished by a flattened caudal peduncle and crescent-shaped tail. His color in the water is a brilliant cobalt blue, though this fades to grey after death. However, the mako is best remembered for its incredibly fast runs and spectacular leaps. I've hooked all of the leaping billfish but believe the mako's jumps put all of them in the shade. Makos clear the surface only three or four times in a normal fight. (Many don't jump at all), but the surface acrobatics they provide will etch a permanent memory on your mind. After a short sprint the mako will vault straight up ten feet or more and then turn a twisting sommersault before completing a clean dive into the same spot it came out of. It's such a beautiful sight that most anglers find themselves saying "Did you see that!" rather than reeling in the inevitable slack that occurs during these leaps. Makos are very difficult to photograph because they usually change direction just before jumping, with the result that the line is pointing one way and the fish is leaping in another. Sometimes the gap is so great that it's hard to believe that it isn't another fish leaping!

Not only are makos the best fighters among the sharks found in our waters, but they're also the best eating. Mako steaks resemble swordfish and are often substituted for that species in restaurants. However, as with other sharks, extra care must be taken in handling the meat. The flesh spoils more rapidly than that of other fish, making it particularly important to bleed and gut the fish quickly in order to avoid strong tasting steaks. Dieters will be happy with shark meat as it's fat free and an excellent source of protein.

Makos are great fighters when they get going, but frequently they'll play possum when first hooked. In fact, every mako I hooked last year felt like a blue shark at first. Each one just "dogged it" in the depths for five minutes or more before suddenly responding to the pressure by flying out of the water and taking off for the horizon. The 405 lb. mako I caught over the Fourth of July weekend last year made himself known with a tremendous jump not 20 feet from the boat after I'd been wrestling with him straight up and down for ten minutes. I was so sure that it was nothing but a blue or dusky that I had my partner, Mike Soriano, standing by with the tagging stick as I squeezed down on the drag of the little Mitchell 624 to power the fish in and get back to fishing. It was 1¾ hours later before we got the aroused mako that close to the boat again.

The other common sharks in our area are the dusky and brown (or sandbar). We'll consider these together because, to the average angler, they are virtually indistinguishable. Both are round-nosed sharks and basically bottom feeders. Coloration is dull, ranging from gray to brown above and white below. The only significant difference between the two sharks is one that only an expert can spot unless the two species are laid out side by side. The vertical height of the browns first dorsal fin exceeds 10 percent of the sharks total length, while that of the dusky is less than 10 percent. The dorsal is also located a little further forward in the brown. Drawing a line down from the front of the first dorsal would result in its cutting through the middle of the browns pectoral, but would fall just aft of the duskys pectoral. In practice, it's very difficult to make these distinctions when a thrashing shark is alongside and taggers usually make arbitrary judgements as to the species.

Though the sharks are very similar in appearance, their lifestyles are quite different. The brown is the largest shark normally found in our inshore waters as the adult females enter the bays to give birth. On the other hand, the dusky seems content in offshore waters and probably spawns there also. The dusky is the larger of the species and is believed to reach almost 12 feet. Each year, quite a few duskies in the 300-700 pound class are taken in local waters. I've only hooked one of these monsters in many years of sharking and that occured when I was fishing alone in Butterfish Hole several years ago. I had him on 50 lb. test and was able to keep him close to the boat throughout the fight. Indeed I was able to get the leader out of the water in 20 minutes. However, with no one aboard to grab it for the release, I had to go on for two hours before being able to get the swivel to the tip top and grab the leader myself. That fish was about half the length of my Mako 22 and probably in the 600 lb. class. The fight consisted of nothing more than constant circling

around the boat and lots of pressure as I'd pump him up a few feet and he'd take it right back. Exhausting, but not very exciting.

Being bottom feeders, duskys and browns tend to go deep when hooked. The many small specimens (25-50 pounders) we catch in our offshore waters during the summer give a good account of themselves, but it's the medium-sized fish that often put up a real fuss. On several occasions I've seen 150-200 lb. duskys or browns put up tremendous battles on heavy tackle, simply refusing to yield to great pressure. On the other hand, I caught one of about 150 pounds last year on 20 lb. tackle without moving the boat in and only about 20 minutes. The relative lack of depth of our waters is what makes light tackle so feasible. In the previous installment I mentioned the shark I baited for ex-football star Jerry Kramer off Walkers Cay this spring. That fish weighed only about 150 pounds but he practically emptied the GK-74 reel (4/0) on his first run and then went straight down. Jerry is a huge powerful man, and yet with the drag screwed down and thumb pressure on the 50 lb. Starlon, it took 1¾ hours before I could reach the wire. The shark went straight down in the great depths and never gave an inch. However, in our relatively shallow waters even sharks that head for the bottom will tend to come back to the surface. If they don't respond to pressure, then lessening the pressure may bring them to the top.

You might put in quite a few trips during the season and never catch a shark other than the four species we've already considered. Yet, many other species are encountered from time to time. In August and September you're likely to encounter small hammerheads (25 to 50 pounds). These are smart little critters who will frequently ignore anything with a hook in it. Large hammerheads, so common in the tropics, are rare in our waters—though you will find them in canyon waters. Indeed, you'll probably encounter many tropical sharks if you try chumming in the Gulf Stream waters passing through the canyons.

Though tiger sharks are relatively rare in our waters, several large specimens (600 lb. class) were taken last year. Smaller tigers are easily identified by the tiger-like bars on the sides, but these markings tend to become indistinct with age. The tiger is one of the largest sharks—estimated to reach 30 feet! Even bigger is the makos cousin, the great white. Recently a white of 3,417 pounds was taken on rod and reel in Austrailia—but even that's not close to the 36½ feet they're estimated to attain. Every year a few very small white sharks (less than 50 pounds) are caught in our area and many reports of whites over 1000 pounds are received. Strangely, these monsters rarely seem interested in the baits offered. Perhaps a very large bait is required to turn them on. However, it should be noted that the use of fishing partners or wives for this purpose is expressly prohibited by the I.G.F.A. under their rule prohibiting the use of animals for bait!

At one time the porbeagle, another mako look-alike was common in our area. They'd follow the mackerel schools up in the spring and were the first shark to provide action each season for Long Island anglers. Even in the summer, they were common in the colder waters of Coxes Ledge. Then Norweigan longliners moved in on this tasty shark and they've all but disappeared. The thresher is another rarity in our waters and yet several have been taken this season and others lost. The enormously elongated tail sets the thresher apart from other sharks and also makes it very dangerous to handle at boatside. This is another large species, growing to 20 feet. Inshore anglers may encounter the sand shark from time to time and all bottom fishermen are familiar with the smooth and spiny dogfish. A couple of sharks you may come across are the largest in the world—and yet completely harmless. These are the whale and the basking sharks, both of which grow to about 45 feet but feed on plankton which they filter through their gill rakers. I've seen several basking sharks on the surface off Gloucester in late summer.

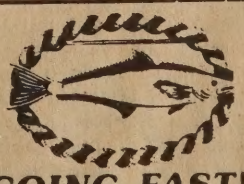
A concise guide to shark identification was produced for the government by Jack Casey in 1964. "Angler's Guide to Sharks of the Northeastern United States" is still available from the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. for just $.25. I understand it's their biggest seller.

Don't forget to get involved in the shark tagging program (described in Part III) run by Jack Casey out of the Narragansett Lab. The program is almost entirely dependent on sportsmen as is reflected by the fact that of 1,472 sharks tagged last year, 1,252 were by sportsmen. Of the sharks recovered, 37 or 54 were originally tagged by anglers. Since the program was started, 14,368 sharks have been tagged and 437 recovered, a rate of about 3 percent.

Some fascinating information has been derived from shark tagging. Many sharks are recovered within days of capture and in the same area. Others are recaptured in the same area in following years, proving that many sharks follow the same migratory patterns year after year. However, other sharks have demonstrated a propensity to roam. Two blue sharks tagged off Long Island showed such inclinations. After two years at liberty, they showed up off British Guiana, South America (over 2,000 miles) and SE of the Cape Verde Islands off the African Coast (almost 3,000 miles). Recaptures of blues have now shown both east to west and west to east movements across the Atlantic. Since sportsmen usually just estimate size, it's difficult to get accurate growth data. However, some interesting information was obtained from three sandbar (brown) sharks that were at liberty between 9 and 10 years. The two tagged as juveniles grew only one inch per year while the adult added only ½ inch a year. Similar data gathered for other sharks indicates that they grow very slowly and live long lives.

The slow growth and limited reproduction that characterizes sharks is a sure indication that they are susceptible to overfishing. There doesn't appear to be any present problem in this regard, but it's quite conceivable that such could be the case in the future—especially if a commercial fishery becomes feasible. At present there are few shark fisheries in the United States, though many other countries utilize them extensively. Nevertheless, shark meat is starting to appear on the menus of top notch restaurants such as Gatsby's in Atlanta, Nirvana on Rooftop on New York, and Sid Allen's in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Properly handled, shark meat could become popular table fare anywhere in the country. A New Orleans firm is successfully selling it in a school lunch program. Other commercial fishermen specialize in catching sharks for their hides. These are sold to the Ocean Leather Corp., of Newark N.J. which uses them for high quality, almost indestructible shoes. In other words, the commercial possibilities are there and will probably be developed in the near future. Now is the time to start conservation practices!

Shark fishing is great sport. The fish are large, relatively abundant, and fairly easy to catch. Best of all, they're spread out over a lot of ocean and thousands more can fish for them without any question of crowding. However, as with any other resource, remember that there isn't a bottomless pit of sharks. Take only what you're going to use and release the rest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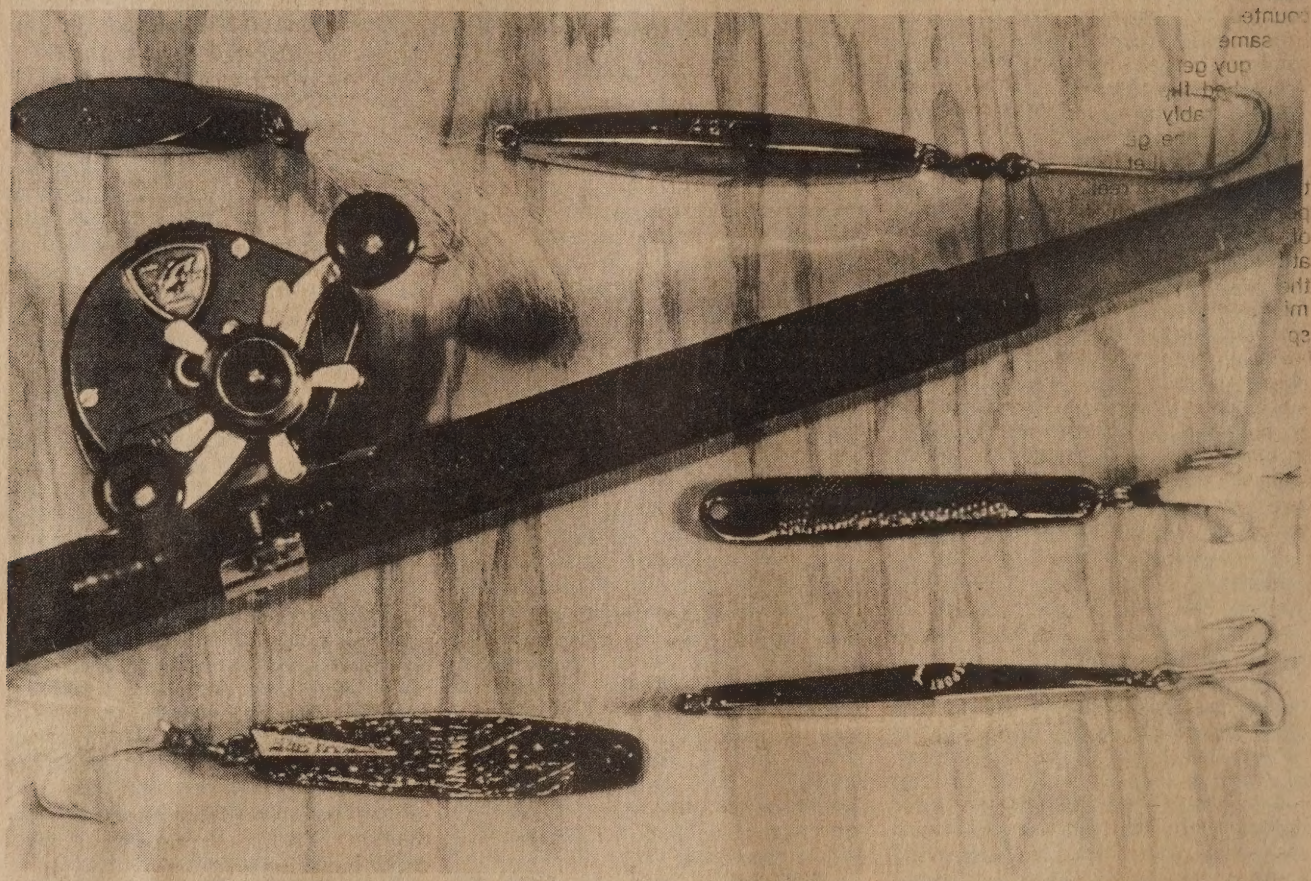
THOSE VERSATILE METAL JIGS

by F.J. DiPalma



A well rounded selection of metal jigs will catch anything from blues and weaks to cod and mackerel.

This year April exploded in the annual frenzy known as the mackerel run. At that time party boat anglers lining the rails elbow to elbow will dangle and twitch through the water at various levels, shiny three to six ounce chrome metal lures, which in their close resemblence to baitfish, will attract, hold and ultimately hook uncountable numbers of those far ranging miniature torpedoes. Then, once the mackerel season is over, those same shiny metal lures, diamond jigs, Hopkins, AVA-27, or whatever have you, are relegated to the bottom of the tackle box only to be resurrected when the mackerel hordes again invade our waters.

Surfcasters have long known the potential of the metal lures. Not so the party boat anglers. Yet these lures will take a variety of fish under a wide variety of conditions.

While bailing mackerel a simple drop to the bottom will round out the catch with the addition of whiting and herring to the bag. Instead of using the sweeping up and down motions that pull in the mackerel an occasional twitch of the lure as it drifts along the bottom should be sufficient to attract fish.

Although the metal lures are primarily a tool for casting and jigging, it is possible to press one into emergency service in other ways. I once spent an unprofitable morning in the stern of a chum packet which had chummed up a grand total of four bluefish in three hours of hard fishing. The skipper tried hard. He made frequent short runs changing location but remained in the general area of the Shrewsbury Rocks. I finally removed the hook and tied on a three ounce diamond jig armed with a single feathered hook. During the chumming operations while others fished, I admired the scenery. But whenever the skipper moved I trolled, allowing the lure to skip the surface of the water some one hundred feet or so behind the boat. At days end the twenty or so chummers had accounted for five fish among them. I, however, had caught five trolling, including the pool winner.

In the fall of the year metal lures really come into their own. When the mullet leave the rivers and estuaries, when the ocean bottom is literally paved with sandeels, when the sea birds are wheeling and diving and sweeping the tops of the waves with their wing tips, pinpointing the migrating schools of bluefish, weakfish and striped bass, that

is the time to drift the coastal waters armed with spinning tackle and metal jigs.

The techniques are quickly and easily learned. As the fish follow the bait the birds follow the fish and the boats follow the birds. Once over the school, which should be approached in a quiet gentle drift, jigging operations may commence. At times there will be blues on top and weaks on the bottom. During the past season some fortunate anglers accounted for blues, weaks and stripers on the same trip. How much of a good thing can a guy get? Anyway, when the school is reached flip the three or four ounce jig, preferably armed with a 7/0 single hook, into the general direction of the schooling fish. Let the jig settle gently to the bottom and reel in as quickly as possible. Some bluefish will gulp the offering while it is settling. Some will attack, as only a bluefish can attack, on the retrieve. For weakfish, what a misnomer, why don't we call these splendid fish seatrout like our southern friends—let the lure settle to the bottom and lift the rod tip slowly so that the lure moves about a foot at a time. Weakfish do not move with the speed or attack with the ferocity of the bluefish. But if an eight or nine pound tiderunner hits the lure you will recognize it as a very authoritative wallop. Care must be exercised in reeling in these fish because of the well known tissue paper mouth. If only weaks are around it would be well to loosen up a bit on the drag. However a well hooked specimen should cause no trouble and a poorly hooked fish has an excellent chance of escaping no matter what the species.

Metal lures will also take striped bass but these magnificent fish are so erratic in their feeding habits that you will have to be in the right place at the right time with the right lure. If you are present at such a fortunate conjunction of circumstances you can have a real ball with school stripers.

I am too fond of my comfort to indulge in winter fishing. But along about mid March after first checking with the weatherman, I occasionally venture to the offshore wrecks in pursuit of cod and pollack. This is not the hardship fishing it was thirty years ago. With the advent of the super ships with their heated, upholstered cabins, and heated hand rails it is really a piece of cake. Nevertheless, if you should decide to make one of these runs make sure you are properly dressed in warm clothing. And don't forget to take along some six and eight ounce chrome metal jigs. For, just like blues, weaks, stripers and the rest, cod and pollack are suckers for them.

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CLAM CHUMMING

by Ron Onorato

If there has been one area of bass fishing that has shown the greatest loss of popularity, it would have to be clam chumming. A few short years ago, there would be any number of anglers dunking bellies around any of the south shore bridges or along the State Boat Channel and bailing fish of all sizes. Then for some reason, the chummers disappeared. Perhaps the high cost of clam bellies or ground clams led to this decline, or maybe and more likely, the decline of the abundant school bass turned people away. Why waste a whole night on just a few school fish, when that same time could be spent seeking out the larger fish was the attitude of many former belly dunkers. This loss of interest had many good advantages to the fishermen who stayed with it. The patient and perservering chummer found his favorite spots less crowded, and more importantly, the competition was so reduced that good catches once again were possible. Although not often found as an abundant source of food, the bass did not lose its taste for clams.

Norm Landsberg squeezes clam bellies into the current.

The method in question here is clam chumming with either clam bellies or ground up skimmer clams. Someone a long time ago discovered that stripers were suckers for the soft part of the skimmer clam that was at one time discarded. The hard part of the skimmer was used for chowder and cooking, while the soft, mushy belly was cut off and thrown out. Once its importance was discovered, the clam belly was now a precious commodity with an important use. The other tool of the clam chummer is the entire skimmer clam removed from the shell and put into a meat grinder. The end result was a finely chopped mixture of clam and juices. During the height of its popularity, both of these chums were used equally effectively, with each fisherman favoring one or the other.

Norm Landsberg shows clam belly bait.

In their years of abundance, many school stripers set up residence in the bays for the summer, and fed there until the start of the fall migrations. Starting in the early 1970's the number of fish declined progressively, with last summer being perhaps the worst as far total numbers are concerned. This does not mean that there aren't any fish there any more. There are enough fish still around to make the fishing worthwhile, you just have to fish harder and longer to get them.

Now to the clam chumming itself. The whole idea of chumming whether it be bunker of clam or any kind for that matter, is to try to attract fish that are known to be in an area and concentrate them close enough to the boat so they will hit a baited hook. Once the fish are within range of the boat, the idea is then to keep them there without feeding them too much chum.

As mentioned earlier, there are two types of clam chum available; the clam belly and the ground skimmer clam. When the cost of both of these were lower it didn't make much difference which was used. Of course today inflation has zeroed in on them like everything else. The clam bellies are sold in 5 gallon tins filled close to the top for about $7 a can. The ground clams, when you could

find them, ran closer to $8 or $9 for a can filled only ¾ full. Right there you can see why many people stayed away.

The first important thing to do when cham chumming is to find an area that has some good tide running. Not enough tide will allow the chum to settle close to the bottom rather than scatter out into the current. Next is to get into an area that looks like it holds fish. Just about any of the bridges that span the bays around Jones Beach and Atlantic Beach are good bets. Channel junctions with a good tide rip are good, deep holes in shallow creeks and any sort of obstructions in the water are the things to look for. Remember that the tide will carry the chum for some distance, and any fish in the area will smell its source out.

The technique for clam bellies is a little different than the use of ground clams. In either case, after anchoring you'll have to chum a little heavy in the beginning to get a good line going. With the bellies, you take one in your hand and place it between your thumb and first finger. Holding it over the side squeeze it so that the juices drip into the flowing current. After the juices are out, drop the remaining mess into the water. Properly squashed, the belly will be broken into several pieces with the smelly juices filling the current. In the beginning, I like to squash about 15 or so bellies to get the line going and then slow off. After the initial load, a couple of bellies a minute is about right. After this, keep the line steady and not sporadic. Action should be forthcoming.

The ground clams are doled right out of the tin in a manner similar to bunker chumming. I use a small gravy ladle to dish out the ground stiff. Again, in the beginning the ground clams are ladled over the side heavily at first, and somewhat slower later on. Because of their light weight, the little bits of clam must be doled over frequently in order to keep the slick continuous. My rule of thumb is when the preceeding amount of chum is out of sight, it is time for another ladle. By the way, when I say ladle, I don't mean one that is overflowing with clams, you would use up all the chum in an hour this way, but one that is only a quarter full.

Now to the terminal tackle and the type of outfit that you will be using. Terminal tackle is as simple as you could possibly want in this type of fishing. There are no leaders, swivels, snaps or anything else but the hook. The hook in this case is usually a 3/0 Eagle Claw baitsaver hook. This can be either gold plated or bronzed. This hook keeps the mushy clam belly on the hook without too much problems. The hook is then tied directly to the terminal end of the mono line you are using. It's as simple as that.

If you are serious about clam chumming, forget the spinning tackle and go to either conventional or a baitcasting outfit. You have to remember that the vast majority of these fish are less than 10 pounds and you should gear the tackle accordingly. Any outfit that handles 12 or 16 pound test line should be the one to use. A word about the line; the lighter it is, the more hits you get on it. 10 pound mono is the best you can use, but some bigger fish chaffe it easily and often break it, but you get more action. 15 pound test is about as heavy as you should go. Not only will it result in less action, but the bigger diameter creates more water resistance, and this often causes the bait to ride up in the current.

The bait you will probably be using is the clam belly, put on one to a hook. It is threaded on several times, and then slowly drifted back in the current as though it is a piece of the chum itself. If you feel like really springing, go for a couple of dozen sandworms and then you're really in business. Regardless of what you use, the idea is to keep the bait moving at all times. Lower the baited hook into the current and keeping the reel in free spool, start stripping off line. As soon as the stick is out, strip off some more and feed it back into the current. If there are no hits and you have more than a hundred feet of line out, start again.,

If the chum slick is successful, you should have the hits anywhere from 15 to 20 feet away from the boat. At times they will be feeding right off the stern. A bass will just open his mouth and suck in the bait.

As soon as the pickup is felt, the reel is engaged and the rod tip is lifted sharply. If you wait too long, the bass will spit out the baited hook in no time. If action is forthcoming, don't forget about the chumming. It is very easy to lose the fish if you don't keep the chum going steadily, even when you're fighting a fish.

These fish, even the smaller ones, put up a spirited battle with the light tackle and stiff tides that often run. Once he gets his head into the current, he takes off. While we were talking about stiff tides, if the unweighted clam belly looks like it keeps riding up in the current, don't be afraid to add a small shot to keep it down a bit.

That pretty much wraps it up about clam chumming. For those who are willing to put in a little time, the rewards are there, and if the school stripers show a resurgence, good fishing lies ahead.

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A CASE FOR MANUAL PICK—UPS

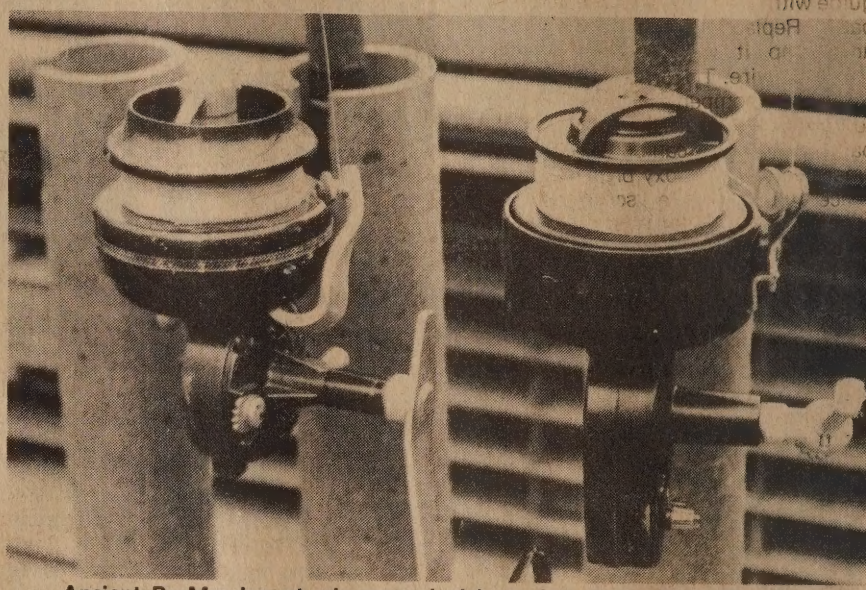
by Pete Barrett

If anyone is to blame, it has to be Tim Coleman, editor of the Connecticut-Rhode Island Fisherman. One night after a juicy steak, the conversation rolled around to the pros and cons of spinning versus conventional tackle and which was the more reliable. Tim was of the opinion that conventional offered less moving parts and so had to be more reliable. He made a special point about bail springs on spinning reels going bad or breaking at the wrong time, like at two in the morning, weary from walking miles of jetties and finally with a mess of bass working bait out in the fan.

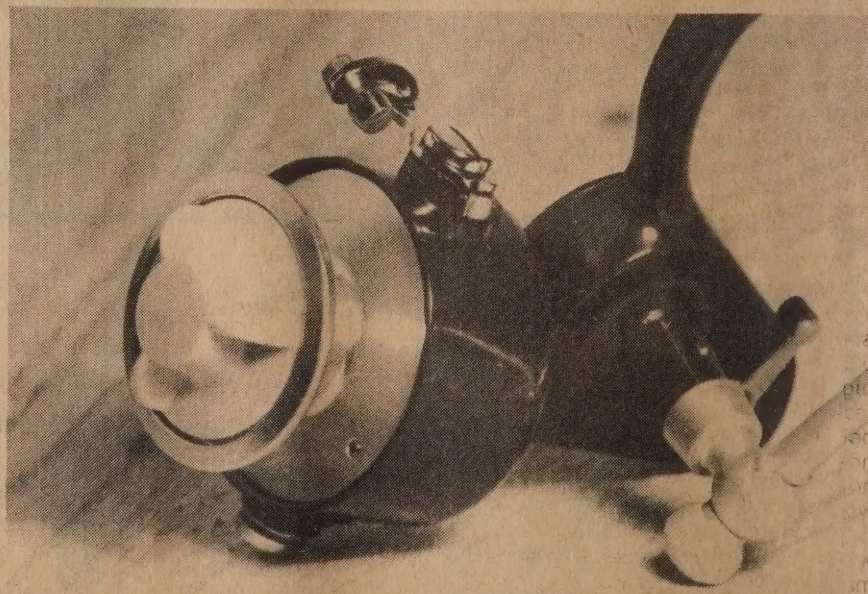
Well, it had never happened to me, and I was perfectly content to use my spinning gear. That was until about a month later. They were only bluefish, and small ones too, yet the busted bail spring on my coffee grinder reel caused the loss of 2 plugs and an empty stringer. Tim's curse came down upon me twice more before the season ended and that winter, in self defense, I looked into spinning reels with manual pickups as a solution to the bail spring problem.

Don't get me wrong, spinning reels of today are precision machines with a built-in quality and reliability that is hard to match. Yet there are situations where a manual reel excells. For instance, along the surf where sand and salt can dissolve a wire spring in no time. There are also some good school fishermen who learned on the early spinning models when full bails were unheard of, and who refuse to change to the newer style reels. Manual pickups are also faster in use then their automatic counterparts.

The only manufacturer now offering a production reel with manual pickup is the Penn 706 surf reel. Garcia has a tough roller type manual pickup available as an accessory item for the Mitchell 306/406 and the 302/402. Both pickups are superb and can be adapted to other reels with minor modifications. Hugo Uhland, tackle tester of the Penn Reel company told me at the New York Boat Show, that Penn was soon to market a new roller manual pickup as a "bolt on" accessory for the 704, 710, and 712 reels. The Crack reels distributed by Jeros Tackle are also easily modified to function as a manual by simply removing the bail wire from the rotating head. This durable spinner is widely used where the fishing conditions are tough and the bass are big.



Ancient Ru-Mer has sturdy manual pick-up, but Garcia-Mitchell roller type on the Mitchell 306, (left), is superior.



A hacksaw cuts away the bail wire leaving the line roller assembly intact on this Penn 712. It's easily done to most spinning reels.

First attempts at changing my reels over to manual centered around the installation of accessory rollers already mentioned. The selection was however limited and to convert other reels I had to make further modifications, at times even resorting to surgery with a hacksaw.

Many spinning reels make the switch

easily. They have a bail wire that is press fitted at the bend into the guide frame. The bail line wire is removed with a screw driver, pliers and fine file. Remove the bail mount screw opposite the line guide and save the screen. Twist the bail wire away from the rotating head and with a pliers, pull the wire out from the frame of the line guide. If you can't pull it out, a hacksaw is necessary. Remove any burrs from around the line guide with a fine jewelers file and emery paper. Replace the bail screw you saved and wrap it with a small diameter soldering wire. The added weight of the wire will compensate for the parts removed and put the reel back in balance. The wire can be secured with a small amount of epoxy brushed into the space between the screw and the rotating head of the reel. Examples of reels with this type bail are the Daiwa skirted spool series, the Quick, Shakespeare, and Pflueger.

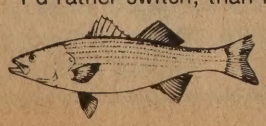
Reels with a tapered cone installed on the bail wire, like the Penn 704, 710 and 712, require a bit more work. The entire bail assembly must be removed and the bail wire placed securely in a vise. Cut the bail with a hacksaw. Dress the line guide frame with a file and emery paper as before and reinstall the bail and both bail screws. Soldering wire will again restore the balance of the reel.

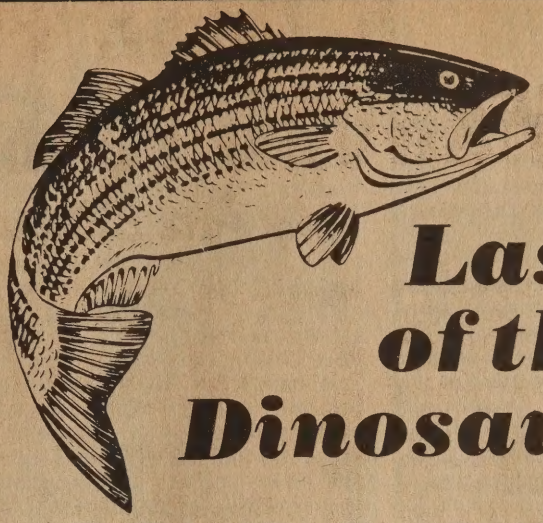
Bail springs can be left as is in both modifications discussed above or they can be removed entirely. If you leave the spring in, it serves as a lock to hold the line guide in proper position. Since you never move it to open the now discarded bail wire, it should never wear out. If you remove the spring, you must install a shim or washer under the frame. As the bail screw is tightened down it will bind against the frame and the shim making a sturdy connection. You can now also remove any of the parts inside the rotating head that function as a bail lock.

I must admit it takes a definite resolve of purpose to put the saw to the first reel you intend to switch over. If you are too squeamish, you cay try it out first on an old reel, if you have one. If a "guinea pig" reel is not handy, take heart in the fact that none of the conversions are permanent. You can always re-install a new bail wire or bail assembly if you are not satisfied with the results. All you lost were a few bucks.

There are a number of tackle shops who specialize in reel repair who can also make the conversion for you and who can answer any questions you may have on a particular reel. The conversion is easy and doesn't require special skills.

Contrary to the popular cigarette jingle, "I'd rather switch, than fight!"





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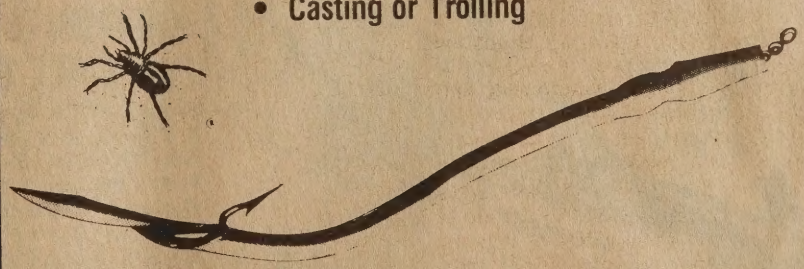

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MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

The fishing at Montauk has been holding up well with the exception of the bluefish that have been extremely erratic and striped bass which were spotty. Shark fishing offshore continues to be great and many hammerheads have moved into the area and many, many, many billfish were spotted over the weekend, so it looks like the offshore scene is due to bust wide open at any moment. Fluke fishing remains excellent. Big fish, all the rips and good catches now also being taken on the south side of the point. Large numbers of medium sized sea bass are all around the point on rocky areas and larger humpbacks are at Frisbees and Cartwright. Best cod action in years continues as daily fare at Coxes Ledge without a let up and plenty of big cows. Snappers are in thick in Montauk Lake and many are being taken to be used for bait.

This Saturday I had the pleasure of making my first offshore shark trip in many years with Captain Warren Hader aboard his charterboat **Devilfish.** Observing the party of six from the Double-T-Fishing Club (Steve Kearney, Jerry Kappauf, Peggy Russo, Pete Bohling, Andy Young and Mike Kienecker) I had a good time, as all aboard did well with plenty of sharks and good weather. One pick-up by a billfish and the five hammerhead sharks spotted on the surface rounded out the day that saw three browns taken and one lost and a blue shark in the 200 lb. class brought to gaff after wrapping the line around the propeller twice. Mike the mate had to cut and splice the line to another rod twice after following the big blue around the boat several times before the flying gaff was sent home. Talking to the Captain on the bridge on the way back to the harbor, I commented to Warren that there must be quite a few anglers out there that would like to do some offshore shark fishing but don't have five or six people to charter the boat with. So Warren is going to try an experiment.... open boat fishing for sharks, $50 a man by reservations on any Wednesday in August and September. All will be assured of a turn at the rod, so everyone will get a chance of taking a shark or billfish. So if you have a friend or two and have always wanted to try sharking,

Shown here are the pool winners aboard the "Viking Star" on a recent trip. Victor Martinez, 50 lb. cod, Norman Bichelman 45 lb. cod and a 35 lb. pollack, Felix Bonnad for a 34 lb. cod and Pastor Rivera with a 33 lb. cod.

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Captain John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebb Tide** gave me a call to say that his boat took Four mako sharks on the weekend. The blue sharks are now the larger class with many over 200 pounds. During the week three over the 200 mark were taken. John said that in the last eight trips he has baited five swordfish without any luck and spotted marlin all over the place wherever the water is over 190 feet. Also many hammerheads swimming around but not biting, so there is a lot of life out there and the fishing could really go wild at any moment. Fluke fishing remains excellent in all the rips, but John said that the best results are obtained by fighting an area with fish, putting a buoy over, and working the spot until it doesn't produce any longer. The captain said that he still has a few open dates available in August and September for offshore fishing or the late summer run or doormat fluke on the southside that should be starting in a few weeks right into the fall run of striped bass.

On Friday I ran into Captain Murray Homelsky of the charterboat **Cherokee**. Murray said that last week they did a real good job on the sharks offshore. On Monday the score was a dusky shark of 250 lbs., a mako of 210 pounds and a blue shark in the 300 lb. class that ook an hour and 15 minutes to bring to gaff with 40 lb. test line loaded on a 4/0 Everol Reel. On Tuesday they fished inshore at the Great Eastern area and trolled six

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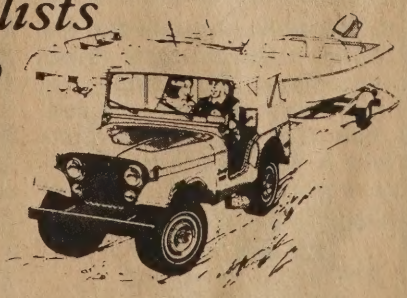

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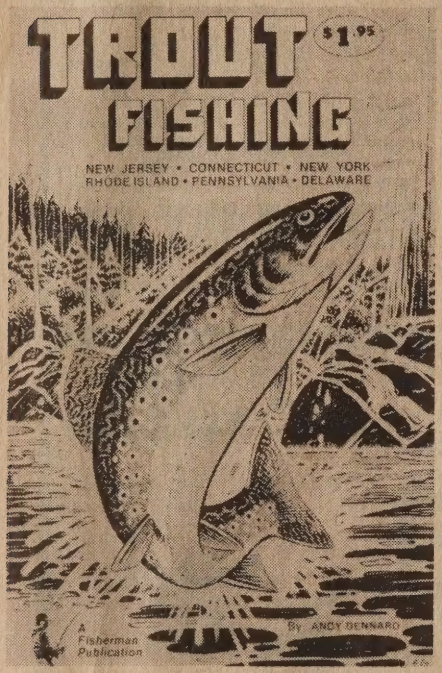

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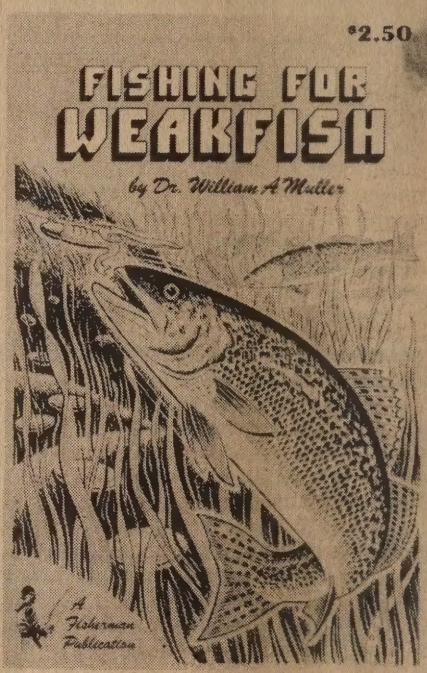

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bass and 50 bluefish in a couple of hours. On Sunday's AM trip ten bass up to 48½ pounds were trolled with about 25 blues on umbrella rigs.

Captain Jimmy Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** called Monday to say the codfishing at Coxes Ledge remains super excellent with the fish averaging 10 to 15 pounds and the pooler is usually in the 40 lb. class. The bluefishing at night, however, has been very up and down, with good catches on one night and poor the next. But the fish should be settling down soon and catches should go up to 10 or more a man as usual. The choppers are big, 10 to 15 pounds, and can be found on either the Sub Buoy or the West Grounds or No. End of Block Island.

The charterboat **Free Spirit** reports blue shark and mako shark are in heavy. Captain Frank tried to bait a 15 foot hammerhead on Saturday, but after two fruitless hours, mate Mike Harpooned the beast, but he (the beast) bit ¼ inch line in half and took off with the harpoon and about 20 feet of rope. They estimate this was 4 to 500 pound fish. They harpooned a second hammerhead successfully and was weighed in at West Lake Fishing Lodge at 255 pounds. The water was like a lake and several football tuna were also taken. Several swords were sighted, Captain Frank described this as an offshore fisherman's delight.

The **Viking Skipper** this past week has fished north of the lighthouse with red hot results for porgy fishermen. There best day saw over 2000 porgies come over the rail and into the pail, fish up to 3 pounds 2 ounces. Several anglers topped 100 porgies each and Captain Bud says this looks like the start of a big porgy season.

Charterboat **Rocc** had 6 passengers out on Saturday, the Bob Roberts party of Queens, and they loaded up on fluke, up to 6 pounds. On Sunday, the Bruce Brillo party of Queens was after shark and on the way out, they trolled a 20 pound football tuna and spotted 3 white marlin which couldn't be baited. They did get a blue shark and a mako and also released a brown. One giant shark was on for over 1 hour but then the hook came loose.

Captain Richard Rade on the **Marlin III** reports fantastic fluking, ten to 15 really big fish per man.

"The codfishing is fantastic," is the word from Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star**. Fishing is still the best in years and the fish are big, with the pool fish almost always in the 40 pound class. Bluefishing has been erratic, a good night followed by two or three bad nights. Time is spent each night searching for fish at the Sub Buoy, Cartwright, and around Block Island. The half-day fluke trips being made by the *Viking Starlite* have been consistently excellent with fish in almost any rip you drift across 'round the point. Paul said the 1st Nantucket Wreck Trip this fall will be on September 12th and 13th. As these special trips are virtually always sold out, send your $25 deposit in as soon as possible.

Captain Brad Glas of that "little-red-boat-on-the-water," the **Helein II** said that the fluke fishing has picked up again to the super excellent proportions that they were before the slight downturn during the strong moon tides of last week. Fish are in all the rips east to Midway and there are plenty of four and five pounders in the bags and throwacks are very rare. Brad said that he will start with the herring/bluefish routine in a few weeks when the blues have settled

George Bley, Jr with two fluke caught aboard the "Capt. Spider". Subscriber Club Photo.

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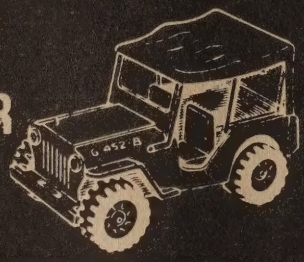

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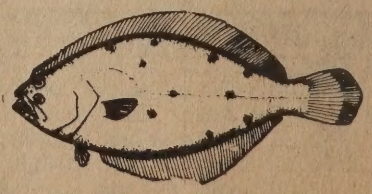
A few of the boats at the **Star Island Yacht Club** seem to be the ones that know the way to get the recently elusive striped bass into the box, according to reports of Henry Colombi. TV personality Bert Rockfield of the "Serenity II" waited out the bass at Caswells Saturday and finally connected by trolling his umbrella rigs in 15 to 20 feet of water, in and out of the rocky beach. Eight bass were boated with a combined weight of over 350 pounds. Largest was 38 pounds matched by one of 36. Bert returned Sunday afternoon to repeat with six bass up to 30 pounds. Joe Klair of the "I Declare" trolled from 2 to 5 PM on Sunday and took 4 bass to 30 pounds. Captain Dave McMahon of the "Marie III" came off a bad day on Friday and trolled 70 bass and bluefish on Saturday and about 50 on Sunday. Tony Chimblio of the "Rojo" took a 285 lb. hammerhead shark on Sunday. Four mako sharks up to 125 pounds came into the Yacht Club on Saturday, and all of the offshore boats reported sighting billfish. The "Night Cap" took a big dusky shark and had a billfish on for about ten minutes before the hook pulled out. The "Friendship II" has been loading up on the fluke.



SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

PROMISED LAND

Art at the **Promised Land Fishing Station** says fluke continue to be good fishing at can 2 by Hicks Island. A few sea bass have also been caught with the fluke at Gardiner's Island while at Eastern Plains Point they are catching blackfish along with the fluke. Close by the fluke action is very fast with many throwbacks but keepers eventually make a good catch. Porgies are increasing in strength and should make for a good catch.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports that catches of weaks were made by the Pink House during the week. Catches are 3 to 7 per boat mainly on squid with a high hook rig. Porgies can be had and several kings are caught with them. Snappers are all over but their sizes are more in the amusement class rather than for food. Small snappers such as these make an excellent live or fresh bait for fluke.

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark boats have been doing a good job with the porgies and weakfish in Peconic Bay. Best areas for the weakfish continues to be in the deeper waters between Jessups and Nassau Point and the porgies are on the local wrecks east of Robin's Island. On Friday over 100 weakfish were taken and the catch dropped to about 50 on Saturday.

Hank at **Altenkirch Tackle** said the offshore fishing was pretty good over the weekend. As many as 7 or more white marlin were spotted. Just about everyone who tried had one on but not many were boated. Larry Furman brought 2 white marlin of approximately 65 lbs. to the boat and released both of them. These were taken in 180 feet of water SE of the inlet. Hank says the fluke on the inside have slowed but on the outside it is somewhat better East of the inlet. The blues have also dropped off on the outside.

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Skippers Fishing Station reports that the fluke fishing is mostly in the east channel east of the inlet. During the week catches of 20 to 30 fluke have been had. These fish are taken on either smelts or long thin strips of squid. Fluke are generally 2 to 4 lbs. and a few larger

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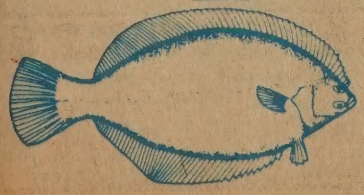

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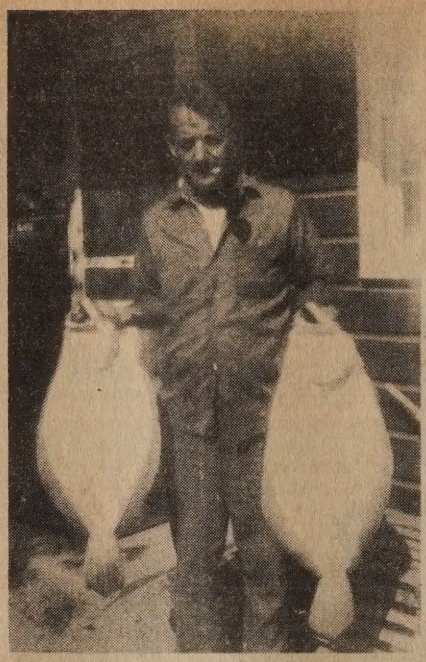

Jimmy Haack with two nice fluke weighing 11 lbs. 8 oz. caught by buoy 21 while drifting squid and spearing. Photo courtesy of Tony's Fishing Station.

fish. The best tide is a rising flood.

Corr's Fishing Station said the fluke fishing remained excellent during the week. Good catches were had on both the morning and afternoon tides. The boats have been averaging 12 to 18 fish and fishing is best at the Shinnecock Inlet and East Channel during the rising tide. The Coast Guard Station and the Ponoquoque Bridge are best during the falling tide. The preferred baits are live killies or spearing with squid. The bluefish have been very slow on the outside with little or no fish taken.

MORICHES BAY

Ramona of the **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** says that most combination baits with squid are doing good jobs on catching fluke all week. The elbow to buoy 36 and the Coast Guard Station to 39 are your best spots. Nice flounder have been had all week on the incoming tide north of buoys 36 and 39.

John at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** said that although there are many throwbacks there are plenty, plenty of fluke. Keepers can run from 5 to 30 per boat depending on the anglers skill. The best bet is in front of the Coast Guard Radio Towers drifting back and forth over the bars at Harts Cove. John says be careful of the rough water that can occur at this spot. Good flounder fishing has been had at buoys 36 and 39. John says to find a likely hole and fish it with blood worms and a little patience.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports crabs in very heavy in traps. Weakfish are an early morning affair at buoys 17 and 12 on squid on the bottom just after dawn. Snappers are in good and getting bigger and more plentiful on spearing attached to a bobber. Fluking is good at buoy 21 and 23 with lots of shorts mixed in on squid and killie combos. The best is a couple of hours before and after the high. Eels off the bulkhead on squid if you are so inclined.

OAKDALE

Captain Irv Levine, famous for his Captains License courses, is having a new charterboat constructed by Jason Boat Works, Mt. Sinai. She will be 34 feet long with a 14 foot beam, glass over wood and will be docked at Howie's Fishing Station, Oakdale. It will be part of a small charterboat fleet concentrating on Great South Bay and offshore fishing. Captain Irv has already named her "Big Red," and needless to say she will be all red in color. All Tackle will be IGFA rated as record fish will be sought. This will be a six passenger twin engine affair and is expected to start sailing in

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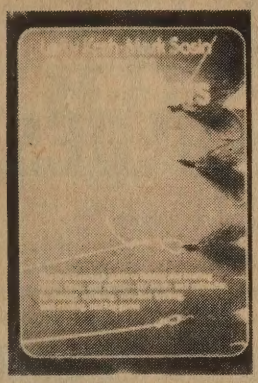

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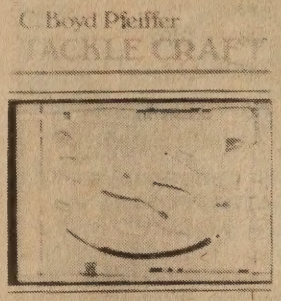

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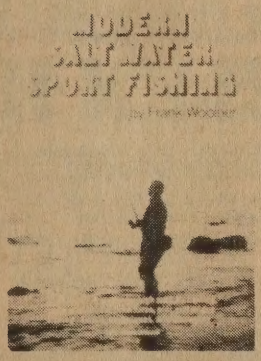

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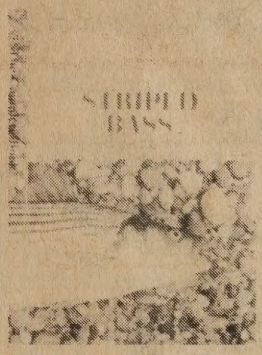

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A 28 pound striper was taken by first timer Vinnie DiPippo of Ocean Beach. This was his first bass and he took it on July 25th at 4 P.M. on a 2 ounce Hopkins.

Howie's Fishing Station tells us that Joe Dwinell took a 5½ lb. weak and 12 fluke at buoy 13 on Sunday using shiners. Also, John Pepper has been bagging kingfish galore at the hole at buoy 21 on squid.

E. ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle reports blues at Sailors Haven on outgoing on bunker chum and butterfish. Fluking is fair to good at West Channel on sandworms.

OAK BEACH

Hays at **The Store** tells us that Tom Burns has been getting weakfish at the jetty and inlet from 8 to 9 pounds in the morning hours on white Tri-Fin Whiptails bounced on the bottom in the good clean water. Fluking is fair in the inlet and in the back but please return the short fish. Excellent porgy fishing was seen over the weekend right off the Store's bulkhead. Snappers and crabs are to be had on the north side. Pete Roeper took a 318 lb. Mako on Saturday in 140 feet of water and this animal had 2 15 pound bluefish in its belly. This feat was accomplished from a 20 ft. mako, which had to be the same size as the shark of the same name. In general, bluefishing is spotty but they come and go in the inlet, and when they are there, they are hitting everything. Windjammer Leder nailed a 10 lb. striper off the Sore Thumb on Saturday on a white Tri-Fin Whiptail.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells us that Al Morgan, Jack Miller and Doc Pine proved once again that the weakfish ar still there, proving the point with over 40 weakfish taken in 4 hours drifting buoys 29 and 30 and a little west of buoy 4 on Salty Dogs tipped with squid on Saturday morning on outgoing tide. Angler John Bertges took an 8 pound weak off Ocean Beach on shrimp jig with squid. Kings are strong off Ocean Beach as are fluke.

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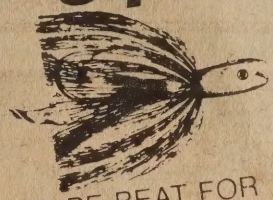

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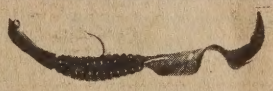

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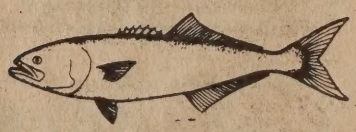

weaks and kings between buoys 30 and 29 with squid on the bottom on any moving tide, outgoing working best. The weaks are 4 pound class fish and kings 1 to 1½ pounds. Fluking is best at buoy 5 on squid or spearing without outgoing best. These are 2 pound class fish. Crabs are all over the place in traps, especially in front of LaSalle. Snappers are off the town dock on spearing.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports bluefish being jigged around the Pipeline in 40 feet of water south of the tower from private boats and 70 feet of water off Cherry Grove on umbrellas, Bananas and diamong jigs. These fish are mostly on the top. Good fluking at Snake Hill Channel and east of the inlet near the pound nets with some fish between 6 and 8 pounds on big spearing and squid. Lots of keepers. A 6½ lb. fluke is presently leading Smokey's store fluke contest. Snappers and crabs are getting bigger and fiercer. Blowfish are being taken in scattered light catches, and porgies are making a showing in the bay on squid or sand worms on hi-lo rigs.

CAPTREE

The **Captain Eddie B** had a charter on Sunday with the gang from Guinan Litho aboard, the printers of the L.I.F. They tried chumming for bluefish for a few hours with no results, then switched over to fluke outside the inlet and took 30 between 2 and 6 lbs. Chuck Williams copped the pool with a doormat of 6 pounds.

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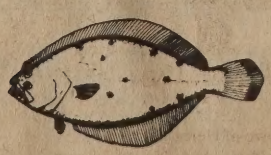

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Steven and Jeannie O'Harrow of Oceanside caught this 11 lb. fluke in a salty dog with squid. Photo courtesy of The Store.

Captree Queen skipper Gordon Roman tells us that since Tuesday, the fluking has been from the buoy to the nets anywhere from 35 to 50 feet of water with few midgets and keepers of nice size. His pool fish is usually running anywhere from 4 to 6 pounds. A 7 lb. 7 oz. fluke was taken by Chris D'Antonio of Uniondale while Neil Wushery of Fresh Meadows bagged a 6 pound 4 oz. fluke aboard the **Queen.** The fishing is about 40 minutes from the dock and throughout the inlet area, to the tune of 6 to 8 keepers per man.

Captain Neil of the charterboat **Lady Ann** says that last week the blues were slow but spotty. Fluking in the ocean has been very good when conditions are favorable which they have been most of this week. Wednesday the boat had close to 200 keepers, some 5 to 7 pounds for 22 people. Saturday they fished half a day in the ocean and half a day in the bay for fluke, with over 200 fluke, 127 of which were keepers. On Sunday they had 26 blues from 5 to 10 pounds and 70 fluke, 31 being keepers. The blues are gorging themselves on sand eels. They have found the blues 2 hours east of the inlet and are holding them with chum and baiting them with Ava-27 jigs and Banana lures. The water temperature is still low and needs about another week or so to warm up to the bluefish's feeding level. The fluke are hitting smelts, killie and squid combos and fluke bellies.

Readers should take note that the brand new all aluminum open boat **Speedy VI** will have arrived at Captree by the time you read this and is presently bluefishing day and night trips, sailing 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The maiden voyage was Tuesday.

The charterboat **Yankee** reports very good fluking outside the inlet and has been averaging catches of 2 pound fish running up to 4 pounds. Captain Bob is also running 7 P.M. bluefish every Wednesday and Friday night.

BABYLON

Babylon Fishing Station reports the fluking is very good just west of the lighthouse, with all boats taking home anywhere from 8 to 12 keepers. The hole off the Sore Thumb is producing also on smelts. Snake Hill Channel is holding fluke on sand eels and squid. The canals, reports Bill, are alive with bunker and snappers and the enivitable weakfish are amongst them. Stripers are being clam chummed at the Fire Island Bridge in the mornings. A few blowfish are being taken. Crabs are very good off the Lindenhurst docks and flats and by the bridges.

Augie's Bait and Tackle is the first to inform us that the irrepressable Doc Grell weighed in a 16 lb. weakfish over the weekend taken on 6 lb. test tournament Ande. Augie's weighed in the fish and it is being submitted as another IGFA record for Doc.

The first marlin was brought in late Sunday night by angler Jim Mungo on the Small Fry, the fish weighing out at 81 pounds. It took a bait way offshore. On Friday Ski weighed in an 11 pound 15 ounce fluke taken at the Sore Thumb on squid and killies by Bob Pasco of Fairlawn N.J. Snapppers and crabs are in strong. The Kismet artificial reef, in front of the lighthouse is holding a lot of sea bass, porgies and some blowfish. Drifting west at the Hole in front of the lightouse and the pocket at the Sore Thumb, live snappers, bunker and medium Hopkins are accounting for big weakfish.

LINDENHURST

Captain Tom on the open boat **Sea Horse** has been doing a job on the fluke all week long, fishing from the bridge to the inlet with extremely satisfactory catches.

Duke's Bait and Tackle reports snappers excellent on the north side of the bay, along the docks, and state channel coves and they will get even better in a week or so. Crabs very good in traps and in the eves in nets. The Captree Bridge is now a hot spot. Blues are showing an upturn, especially for trollers fishing south and southeast of the inlet from 40 to 70 feet of water. Stripers are slow but surfcasters are taking some in the Gilgo area on live eels. Trollers are getting a few on Lupo Spoons at the Rhoda

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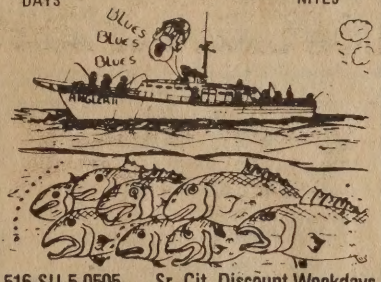

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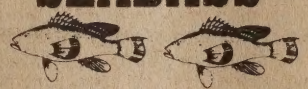

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Wreck area. Weaks at the thumb on live bunker. The town dock areas are also producing weakfish on live snappers. Sand porgies are providing a lot of action in the Great South Bay flats while the Kismet inshore reef is producing sea bass and kingfish.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports blues spotty offshore. From 50 to 85 feet they are being trolled close to the bottom with new transparent red sekora tubes. Chumming with a combination of spearing and bunker chum seems to be givin the best results with blues with bunker and butters on the hook. Small blues are being plugged at the West Bar off Fire Island Inlet. Good fluking offshore south of the pound nets in 40 feet of water with big spearing. Good bass at the State Channel from Tobay to Sloop Channel Bridge on clam bellies or on trolled bucktails. Snappers and crabs are excellent at the town dock. George says he has spearing chum in stock in 4 and 1 gallon cans.

Jonas Bait and Tackle tells us that the Copiague hole is producing blues from 2 to 5 pounds and weaks from 1 to 3 pounds every morning on No. 1 and 2 Hopkins and other shiny jigs, drifting and jigging. Offshore surface feeding blues are being trolled on Bananas and umbrellas. Plenty of blue claw crabs and snappers off the docks. Plenty of blacks at the Kismet Reef reports a scuba diver to Jonas. Loads of blacks he says. The Wantagh Bridges are producing schoolie bass for clam chummers.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle happily reports good fluke fishing continues and Lonnie himself had 12 good keepers taken in 90 minutes in Goose Creek on spearing. He says that the fluke are taking all baits, with outgoing working best. Work the edges and the bars says Lonnie. Bass chummers are doing a job at the bridges and State Channel on clam bellies, while weakfish are being taken on sand worms at night on a long leader at the 3rd Wantagh Bridge. Lon has reports of blues in forty feet of water south of the pipeline. The charterboat **Dock One**, reports Lon, has been doing great on blues jigging the A-27 in this area. Snappers and crabs very hungry in the creeks and town docks.

MERRICK

L.I.F. Staffer Stu Miller took wife Phylllis out on a fluke hunt on Saturday, and under the advice of Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station**, explored Haunts Creek. Much to Stu's dismay, he was outfished by his better half with six good keeper fluke for she and 1 keeper for he. Of course, Stu has many excuses, all of which are valid, but we won't bore you with that here. Jimmy reports that incoming water in Haunts Creek is producing good fluke catches as also evidenced by Sal DiGiozani and Joe DiStefano on the Pequod. Killies accounted for 41 keeper fluke on Saturday and 40 on Sunday in the 2 to 3 pound class. Whaleneck and Merrick Point are also producing. Mort Harris of Merrick brought a 95 lb. mako shark home from 135 feet of water south of the inlet.

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BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports crabbing very good from any place in Middle Bay. Mrs. Joan Slutzsky of Baldwin boated a load of big blues up to 8 pounds trolling tubes and umbrellas from the inlet to the pipeline. Fluking is still good in Reynolds Channel from buoys 14 to 19 on sand eels, killies and squid. Big bass are in the inlet for those willing to work for them and put in the time.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Miss Freeport also reports very good fluking with fish up to 10 pounds, fishing locally at the pipeline. It's fluke time, guys.

Captain Spider of the **Aloma II** also reports very good fluking about 3 miles east of Jones Inlet, fish averaging 2 to 3 pounds. On Friday night, a 23 man bluefish charter ended up with 200 blues. Captain John on the **Aloma** continues to hammer away at the sea bass much to his passengers delight.

The Starstream II reports things are kind of slow in the bluefish department, with low water temperatures probably the culprit. As soon as the water temperature triggers the choppers feeding mechanism, the bluefishing should gather some steam once again.

The **Captain Al** reports slow bluefishing with Friday night over 500 blues being caught and Saturday night 30 fish being caught. Strictly a hot and cold deal. The spottiness can really end at any time, as fish are marked but the water temperature being just a big low.

The **Captain II** has been taking charters for fluke off the pipeline and is doing very well with fish up to 6 pounds.

The charterboat **Blue Fin II** fluked Friday and Sunday and had over 70 keepers on Friday for 9 men from the Flushing P.O. The pool fish was 7 pounds and landed by Joe Carraher of College Point on spearing and squid. Captain Sy is fishing east of the Jones Inlet, in front between the tower and Gilgo. On Sunday, Sy had the Park Lounge Fishing Club of Syosset out for a big day with the fluke. Frank Perisi was hi-hook with 10 fluke. They had very few midgets. Smelts and fluke bellies were on the menu. The **Blue Fin** fluked Saturday and Sunday and did very well in the same area on sand eels and squid and on Sunday the Hebrew National Co. Charter had 5 fish per man average with Barbara (no last name) as hi-hook. Captain Lou Sullivan is now sailing the **Blue Fin** on future charters.

The **Captain Lou II** reports he is doing a big job on the fluke, fish going up to 8 pounds off Lido with smelts, chumming with bunker chum. On Friday and Saturday the **Captain Lou II** also fished flounder and did a bang up job with bloodworms and dyed clam on flounder up to 2½ pounds at Swift Creek, double headers and all. Sunday off Lido they had 75 keeper fluke to 8 pounds for 5 men.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluking very good to the tune of 12 to 15 per boat from Swift Creek, Fundy and Long Creek, with smelts working best. A 4 pound 14 ounce fluke won Anthony's monthly contest for angler Claud Cumbs. Sea bass and flounder are being taken at Swift Creek and Short Beach. Sand porgies are being caught at the northeast side of the Meadowbrook Bridge on sand worms.

Roy at **Mako Marina** tells us that the Hudson Anglers are having their 4th Annual Open Shark Tournament on August 7th, with a rain date of the 8th. The entry fee is $35, with 60 percent of the total going to first prize, 25 to second prize and 15 percent to third prize. Prize money will be accompanied by merchandise prizes being donated by merchants from around the waterfront. Last year, George Maish took home a total of over $1000 in prize money and merchandise on a 25 dollar entry fee. This should be a doozy. For further information and registration call Mako Marine at 516-378 7331 and ask for Roy.

The **Lucky Strike III** started on a bluefish trip but had to turn back due to

Joe McMurray of Atlantic Beach with a mako taken aboard the "Kim."

one severely sea sick fare. They came back and fluke fished in the bay with the group from Brooklyn based Transit Authority. They started biting good about 10:30 and they ended up with 32 fluke up to 4 lbs.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie III** picked up some fluke at the wrecks on Saturday in 35 feet of water on spearing, smelts and sand eels and after seeing these good catches of decent sized fish, took a bluefish party fluking on Sunday and really mopped up fluke at the pipeline area along with a load of other boats that also bailed fluke. They had 98 keepers up to 4 pounds plus 50 throwbacks for Dennis Sweeny and party.

Ed's Fishing Station reports fluking was good in Reynolds Channel. This is shown by Norman Landsburg and Al Fleishman who kept 60 fluke the biggest of which was 5¾ lbs. As a bonus they also picked up 2 dozen sea bass. They fished Reynolds Channel with squid and spearing. Not to be outdone the Kozuch Bros. took 50 fluke and a couple of friends from New Jersey had 40 fluke all of which were taken on the flats. The Meadowbrook Bridge has blacks and sea bass and the bass are also at the west jetty. The pipeline produced blues on Friday but since then they have been minimal. Weaks at the pipeline have been spotty. Off shore a 140 lb. dusky was taken by Nick Valentine while Howie Frankel chased blue fish all day with no hits and finally had a 155 lb. dusky.

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ISLAND PARK

Captain Bill of the **Gennie Mae** has been chasing bluefish on the top and has been getting a few jigging and trolling but hopes for a big improvement in quantities of fish taken with an increase in the water temperature.

LONG BEACH

Jimmy at **Long Beach Sports Marina** said fluke have been pretty decent in quantity and size with bigger fish coming in. Mike Krisa and John Corrigan took 22 fluke the largest of which was 7 lbs. at buoy 17. They used nothing but spearing. Frank Durando had an odd catch. He had a spreader rig on the bottom with a high hook attached and wound up with 3 keeper fluke hitting his rigs at the same time and he boated them all.

JAMAICA BAY

Bill at **noehren's Fishing Station** reports the sand porgies have invaded the whole bay. Fishing for them is just short of terrific. Snappers are still only 5 to 6 inches and still have to grow a little. There are loads of them at the North Channel Bridge. Fluke are at the Marine Parkway Bridge and off the Beach Channel Drive wall along with a couple of weaks sometimes. Some of these fluke can be had on small snappers which are plentiful in the bay. striped bass at both the North and South Channel Bridges continue to take sand worms at night. These fish still are in the 18 to 30 inches. Blue claw crabs are bigger than last year and good catches may require a little more effort.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Tom on the **Pilot II** continue to bail away at the porgies, blacks an sea bass off his pet spots close to Jerse and on some nights was doing a good jo on the bluefish, poor other nights.

The open boat **Captain Dom** is sti enjoying good catches of sea bass an porgies off local wrecks and rock Captain Tony of the **Big Mohawk** reports that day and night trips are fo the most part spotty on the blues due t the cool water prevailing. This can chan momentarily with some warmer wate starting the fish on a feed. The flukin however is very good and substantia catches are being made off the Rocka ways and Riis Park.

The 10 A.M. boat **Chief** continues t enjoy good fluking and passengers ar fattening up on fluke fillets. Captai Nick of the **Blue Sea II** has had his fare jigging up some bluefish both days an nights, but the water temperature ha made the fishing unpredictable. There i a tremendous amount of bait in the wate and the fish's bellies that have bee caught are empty indicating that onc they start to feed they will be tearing up the bottoms of the boats.

The charterboat **Pina III** has bee trolling up 35 to 40 blues per trip. Th Tin Can Grounds have been producin big blues and bass. Brian Mulhill an friends got 6 bass up to 17 pounds on pe spoons. Evening trips are also producin some bass and blues. The eve charter should be tried for some exciting blu and bass action.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** report very good action on sea bass an blackfish with blacks up to 8 pounds, an anglers filling up their buckets. A fe porgies mixed in.

Lots of fluke are on the Plum Beac flats according to **Bay End Dock**. Th channel by Louie's Pier also has a goo quantity of fluke. Bait is spearing wit squid or fluke belly. blues and weaks of to 5 lbs. have been trolled while fishin for striped bass off Manhattan Beach Lures were bucktails or Salty Dog. ther are bigger blues up to 10 lbs. that hav been taken at the Tin Can Grounds.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports tremendou quantities of sand porgies have come i this past week. The other fishing i basically the same as it was last week Pennys Beach and Roseland still hav good striped bass fishing even with th throwbacks. Blues have been caught i the early morning off Port Wadsworth and at the sewer drains. Fluke are still i good supply either for the surf fisherme from the boat. This action ranges fro Ft. Wadsworth to Tottenville.

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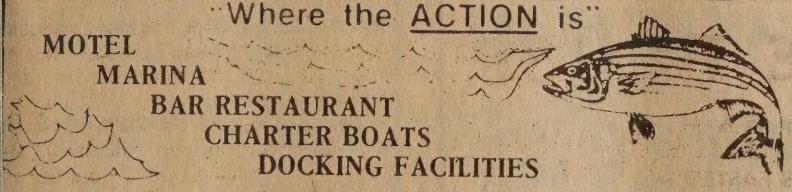

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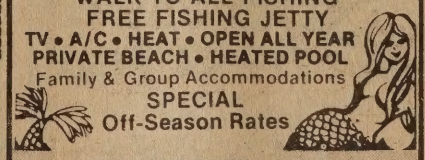

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ORIENT POINT

According to Ray at the **Orient By the ›a Marina** there are lots of striped bass Plum Gut with live eels or bucktails. A ess of small blues of 3 to 6 pounds have so been taken. Terrific fluke and porgy ;hing still going strong at Gardiner's land.

GREENPORT

Captain Dave Green of the **Pooka V** ports fluking continues at an excellent ip around Gardiner's and Environs ith plenty of action and plenty of epers.

The **Wilhelric** reports that on Saturday ey did a super job on the porgy pulation around Gardiner's. Porgy shermen take note.

Art White's Bait Shop reports porgy shing is still fairly good at Gardiner's land. Fluke fishing continues good th the larger fish in the deep water. long the Sound Shore and at Gull land blackfishing is very good. Several glers have had very large catches of 20 30 fish. Striped bass fishing in the gut ntinues its usual pace using bucktails live eels. Worm trolling in the sound th no weight on the line has also elded good results.art reports that the **and X** will now start fishing for blues the race this coming Friday.

SOUTHOLD

The **Southold Fishing Station** reports rgy and weak fishing has slowed wn at Jessups.

The **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** ports anglers picking up weaks in the ickyard using Salty Dogs or squid. zes are about 4 or 5 lbs. and up. On aturday several fair catches of weaks ere had at buoy 17.

est bet for porgy fishing is at South erry. At **Port of Egypt's Fishing Station Orient** they are catching fluke, ackfish and blues.

NEW SUFFOLK

According to **Marty's Fishing Station** there was pretty good weak fishing on Saturday and Sunday at Rose Grove and East of the South Race. Good catches of porgies were also had in these same areas. Weaks of 1½ to 4 lbs. are being taken on squid and sand worms. The best catch was on Saturday which was 46 weaks.

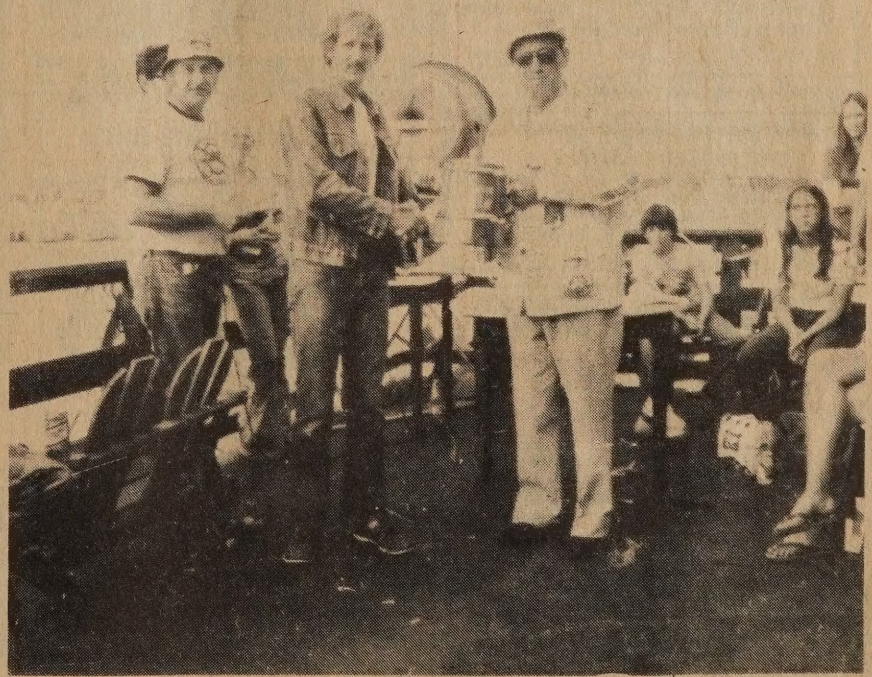
JAMESPORT

Charlie at **Jamesport Bait & Tackle** reports the bait fishing has slowed down. Porgies are best out near Southold. In the sound weakfish have been taken on yellow bucktails or with squid on a high hook. Although these fish have been taken from the beach the boat is your best method. Blackfish are also best taken by the boaters and the most dependable spot is the pipeline at Northville. According to Charlie there are all the porgies you want of 1 to 1½ lbs. in various areas in the sound.

ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said the weekend fishing was slow due to the winds. Pretty good fluke fishing though was had west of Mt. Sinai using small snappers as bait. Porgy action along the beach is slow and they are mainly hand sized. Snapper fishing is primarily for the kids amusement as they are very small but do make fine fluke bait. Blues have been trolled in very deep water but just a few 5 and 6 pounders have been taken. North Brookhaven Sport Fishing Club President Stu Goodman and his friend Vic Elton fished for fluke outside of Mt. Sinai Harbor. They used spearing and squid and picked up 8 fluke of 2 to 3

Bill Collins Jr. caught this 50 lb. 2 oz. bass at Plum Gut on live eels with his dad.



The Arthur Klorfein Memorial Inshore Offshore Rodeo hosted by the Montauk Marine Basin is scheduled for August 21st, and 22nd, 1976. The late Arthur Klorfein shown (right) at the Montauk Marine Basin 1975 4th Annual Shark Tag Tournament awards ceremony. Arthur is presenting Ray Rivenback of Montauk the Father Joseph Fox award for his 399 pound dusky, overall winner of the 1975 tournament. For information regarding the memorial rodeo call 516-668-5900.

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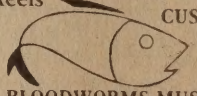
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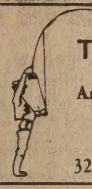
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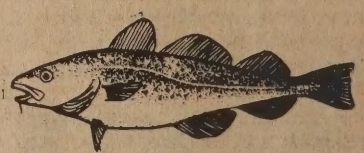

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Good fluke fishing on the outgoing tide at buoy 9 according to **Dick's Sporting Goods**. Buoys 7 and 11 also have good fluke fishing. Dick reccomends fishing the start of the outgoing tide. Bluefish of 5 to 7 lbs. are starting to be taken on tins or Strip-o Jr. and Srs. Occassional small blues of 1½ to 3½ lbs. have been taken off the beach using a Hopkins or similar lures. Snappers are still very small and you should wait a week or two to let them grow. Porgies are holding their own.

PORT JEFFERSON

There are a million sand porgies in the harbor so says **Caraftis Fishing Station**. Old Field Point has larger porgies and in both places are being taken on clams or worms. Fluke are still plentiful at buoy 11 but snappers eat the baits including the squid. If you can get down past the snappers there's loads of fluke. Blues locally have been spotty and John recommends that you go east to Miller Place or Rocky Point for your blues. Get their early and use umbrella rigs or tubes for these 3 to 5 lb. fish.

The **Betty W** reports the fluke fishing has been up and down and has ranged anywhere from excellent to fair. James Dun of Hempstead was the pool winner with a 9¾ lb. fluke. Some porgies have started to be taken. The **Betty W** will begin fishing for blues every night starting with the 7pm trip on Friday August 6th.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reports scattered catches of big blues wwith no concentration of them. Deep trolling with umbrella rigs is recommended in the middle of the sound. One angler took 4 blues of 6 to 8 lbs. using bunker in the Centerport Harbor by buoy 5. The first of what may become many fluke catches was taken this past weekend from the Duck Island area on squid. Sand porgies are in most of the harbor and the larger ones are at Sand City and the black can. Fluke catches have been made 300 to 500 yards offshore of Crab Meadow and Makamah Beaches. Drifting with squid and smelts have brought in fish 6 to 10 lbs. One angler has even trolled spinner fluke rigs and has had fairly good catches using this method. In the Brickyard Section of Sunken Meadow there have been fair catches of blacks that have been taken by people fishing for this species.Striped bass fishing has been very slow of late and most of it has been done with worms off the Coast Guard Station. The LILCO hot water discharge has snapper blues to 3 lbs. that can be taken from either shore or boat with small all white bucktails.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports that the bluefishing has been somewhat better this weekend with most catches being made deep off Eaton's Neck on wire with umbrellas, tubes, and bucktails. Blues are taking plugs when they are on the surface to 14 pounds. There are good bass catches for those willing to put in the time. John Potvin of the Islanders Hockey Team and Uncle Moe of Canada accounted for 7 stripers, 7 to 19 pounds trolling sand worms with Ronnie and with Charlie Arena. Large fluke are being caught at buoy 13 off Eaton's Neck up to 8 pounds, with many fish over 4 pounds on spearing and squid with outgoing working best. Porgies are obliging at buoy 4, averaging 1 pound on sandworms. Snappers are all over the harbor on shiners.

The Ever Ready boat has reported by Capt. Pete has had up and down fishing all week. The only bright spot occurred on Sunday afternoon in Huntington Bay with all the home bound traffic pouring through. In spite of the traffic the fishing picked up and many fluke and porgies were taken. Capt. Pete wants everyone to know that these trips are not restricted to fluke. As the porgies increase in numbers and are readily available they will concentrate upon them. There is a new price policy for Senior Citizens and children and the fare is now $6.00.

George at **Four Winds** said blues hit over the weekend between Diamond Point Centre Island Reef. They were also trolled between buoys 13 and 11b using wire line and bucktails. Off Eatons Neck blues between 8 and 13 lbs. were taken with bunker. A lot of nice fluke were had all week in the buoy 13 area but you needed the wind and tide working together for best results. Marshall Field has porgies of 1 to 2 lbs. while Cold Spring Harbor has a few weaks that are being taken off the Sewanhaka Yacht Club. A few striped bass have been taken by wormers working off Target Rock. There are tons of small snappers but at present they are only big enough for fluke bait.

GLEN COVE

Lots of snappers everywhere reports **Glen Cove Sport Shop**. These are still fun fish but can grow fast if left alone. Big blues of 16 and 18 lbs. have been spotted feeding on bunker from Sea Cliff to Maxwells. John recommends that you snag the bunker when you spot the schools but to get out of the confusion for serious fishing. These fish are not numerous and you must work to make a decent catch. Big striped bass have been

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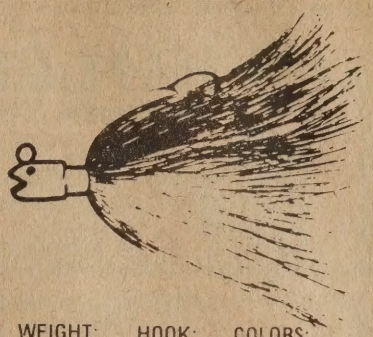

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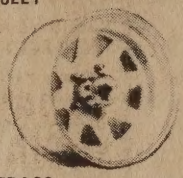
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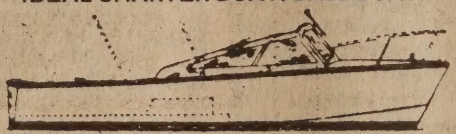
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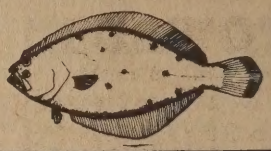
According to **Jack's Bait & Tackle** nice size blues have started to show from Ft. Slocum to Rye. They are also in the area between Stepping Stones Light and Throgs Neck Bridge. Most of these big 12 to 14 lb. choppers are being taken on bunkers with some on troll. At the CBS Tower there are nice porgies while wormers at Harts Island are still picking up school sized striped bass. Although there are plenty of small snappers it will take a couple of weeks before they are of decent size to cook.



CONNECTICUT SCENE

GROTON

The bluefishing in the Race has been good and continues to improve, according to Capt. George Glas of the Hel-cat. During the week one huge bluefish managed to break a gaff hook and got away. Jeffrey Puccio of Whitestone, Queens, won the weekly award aboard the boat with a 13 lb. 7 oz. blue and is in the running for the annual award. A few school stripers are mixed in with the blues and are being taken on bucktails.

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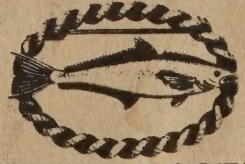

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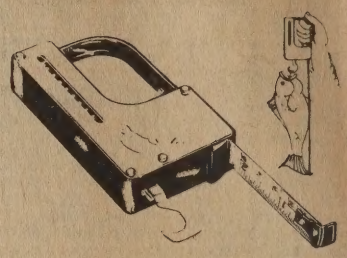

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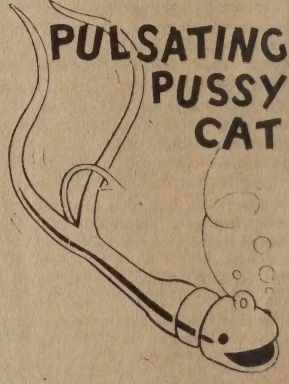

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	4:16	4:56	5:05	5:43	4:57	5:31	6:03	6:28	8:31	8:55	7:53	8:17	4:15	4:49	8/5
FRI	5:25	5:57	6:11	6:43	6:05	6:32	7:04	7:27	9:37	9:56	8:55	9:16	5:15	5:44	8/6
SAT	6:26	6:50	7:10	7:39	7:03	7:27	8:00	8:19	10:32	10:50	9:53	10:12	6:11	6:37	8/7
SUN	7:18	7:38	8:03	8:27	7:56	8:15	8:50	9:08	11:23	11:29	10:45	11:02	7:01	7:26	8/8
MON	8:04	8:22	8:53	9:14	8:44	9:00	9:37	9:54	—	12:08	11:32	11:49	7:49	8:12	8/9
TUE	8:47	9:03	9:38	9:57	9:22	9:45	10:19	10:37	12:24	12:50	—	12:16	8:35	8:55	8/10
WED	9:27	9:44	10:20	10:37	10:13	10:27	11:02	11:19	1:03	1:26	12:33	12:57	9:18	9:37	8/11
THUR	10:07	10:22	10:59	11:15	10:55	11:09	11:44	11:59	1:36	1:54	1:15	1:37	10:00	10:18	8/12

How to Use Tide Tables

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/8	6:00	8:10
8/13	6:06	8:03
8/18	6:10	7:57
8/23	6:16	7:48
8/28	6:21	7:40

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	1:15	**7:45**	1:35	**8:15**
FRI.	1:55	**8:40**	2:30	**9:05**
SAT.	2:50	**9:30**	3:20	**9:55**
SUN.	3:40	**10:15**	4:10	**10:45**
MON.	4:25	**11:05**	5:00	**11:30**
TUES.	5:15	**11:55**	6:05	—
WED.	6:05	**12:15**	6:40	**12:45**
THURS.	6:55	**1:15**	7:20	**1:35**

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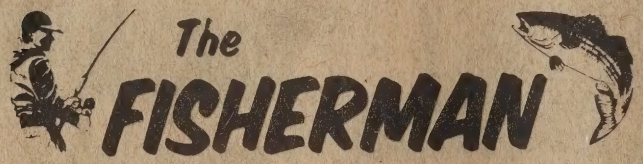

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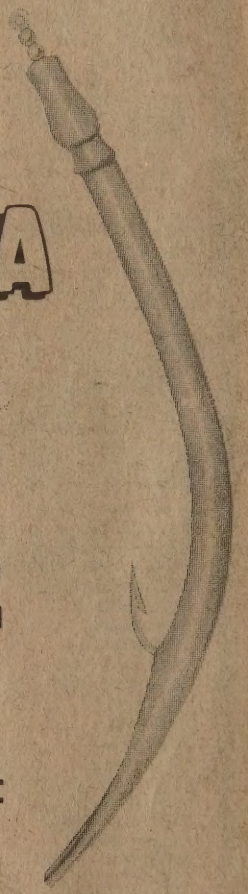

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